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PEACE

Telephone Girls A Generous Group to Letterman Patients

With towering piles of cake boxes, cartons of ice cream and voices ringing cheer through hospital corridors, the "girls from the telephone company," as they are informally known to patients and personnel, invaded ward S-1 last Thursday afternoon as they have done regularly twice a month for more than two years.

They brought with them, besides the sweets that serve the double purpose of appetite teasers and reminders of home, the desires to "help the boys we figured are most likely to be forgotten."

That they do help the boys is proved by the traditional appreciative handclap they receive when the last icing-piled cake has disappeared, the last spoonful of ice cream melted and gone. It is further proved by the letters of appreciation Major Clarence H. Godard, chief of the neuropsychiatric branch, gets from patients transferred out to other hospitals.

The seven operators who came to the ward Thursday were representatives of about 700 women from the telephone company's District 3 who have made possible this 26-month-old project. They are divided into two groups, one from the Mission-Valencia-Atwater offices, the other from the Randolph-Delaware offices. The former group initiated the project and the second took it up four months later. At present each group reserves one afternoon a month to visit Letterman.

In the days when the project was



TELEPHONE GIRLS ENTERTAIN PATIENTS

(Left to right) Mrs. Mary Bridges, Mrs. Josephine McHugh, Mrs. Orta Hobson, Mrs. Doris Spencer, Mrs. Gwendolyn Fornari, Mrs. Lilly Vishnevsky and Mrs. Helen John.

new and sugar more plentiful, the telephone girls whipped up cookies, cakes and candies themselves and brought them along.

As war went on, however, and rationing with it, they have been making monetary contributions instead for purchase of sweets. And they are contributions in which the passing of months has created no lag, the girls report proudly.

For Christmas they try to do something extra. Last year they stuffed stockings with culinary delicacies and distributed them; oranges, apples and popcorn balls were other holiday treats. They subscribe for

newspapers and magazines and often, when the telephone girls arrive loaded down with edibles, they also have a stack or two of the patients' favorite comic magazines.

Each group, early in the week before its monthly visit, calls the hospital to learn the approximate number of patients on the ward. Usually that system works; sometimes it causes complications. Once, when a ship came in shortly before their own arrival, they had to feed 180; they had prepared for 120 but they managed.

From the quiet, undramatic re-

Peace at Letterman Received Quietly

It was exactly two minutes after four on Tuesday afternoon, when the radio suddenly went dead. Then came that long-awaited flash. "The President of the United States just declared the unconditional surrender of the Japanese Government!"

This was it! War was over!

Yes, it was all over, but the shouting. And in that next instant, the shouting started. Employees began rushing out of their offices, clapping each other on the back, clicking their heels in mid-air. A montage of voices, laughter, and hurried footsteps soon grew into a roar that swept through the Letterman corridors.

Outside the whistles, sirens, and air raid signals united their mighty blasts into bleat calls of exultant victory. Auto horns joined the victorious cacophony, while the automobiles themselves began a happy exodus from the post in the direction of downtown Market Street.

In spite of the noise, the rush from desks, the victory reception at Letterman was quiet and reserved. It was a true demonstration of regimentation and discipline. For the men and women of the service could not relax their militant bearings to let go completely. Their happiness could only be told in the happy, child-like grins, the quick, unrestrained movements of their bodies.

The noise and bedlam was greater and thicker around the Administration Building and the corridor in

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The War With Japan From The Beginning To The End

By Camp Newspaper Service

The story—the grimmest ever told—began Dec. 7, 1941, while Jap envoys were closeted with the American Secretary of State in Washington. At 7:55 A. M., Honolulu time (1:30 P. M. U. S. Eastern Time) planes from the land of the Rising Sun swept over Pearl Harbor, Schofield Barracks and Hickam Field in Hawaii, blasting the U. S. into a war in which the rest of the world was already embroiled.

There followed:

1. The U. S. Declaration of War on Japan, Dec. 8, 1941.

2. The Declaration of War upon the U. S. by Japan's Allies (Germany and Italy) and the U. S. Declaration of War upon them on Dec. 11, 1941.

We, like Britain, China, the USSR and the governments-in-exile has become engaged in the struggle for survival.

For 3 months after Pearl Harbor, the Japanese had their own way in the Pacific. On Dec. 7, the Japs had hit not only Pearl Harbor, but also Malaya, Hong Kong, Guam, the Philippines, Wake Island and Midway. All save Midway eventually fell to the foe. And by February, 1942, Japan ruled the Pacific and was casting eyes at Australia and India.

Driven from the Philippines after heroic resistance on Bataan and Corregidor, the U. S. Army—under Gen. MacArthur—established headquarters of the Southwest Pacific Theater at Australia, and started to gird for the long road back.

It was a heartbreaking, back-breaking fight. Driven to a corner of the Pacific, woefully short of men and supplies, hemmed in on all sides by a powerful foe, we could only peck at the enemy outposts, defend ourselves from his fury.

Our start was modest. While arming our right hand for a great blow at Germany in North Africa, we parried with our left at the Jap. On Jan. 31, 1942, we staged a hit and run attack on the Jap-held islands in the Marshalls and Gilberts. Other Jap bases were, in their turn, given attention by the U. S. Navy. And on April 18, Tokyo itself was raided by carrier-based aircraft under the command of L/Gen (then L/Col.) Jimmy Doolittle, the first of numberless raids which were destined to lay in shambles the great cities of Japan.

Later in the year, the mounting

strength of our forces became evident in six big actions:

1. The battle of the Coral Sea, May 4-8.

2. The battle of Midway, June 3-6.

3. The invasion of Guadalcanal Aug. 7.

4. The establishment of bases in the Andeanof.

5. The halting of the Jap offensive against Port Moresby in New Guinea and our counterattacks through the mountain jungles of the Owen Stanley Mountains against Buna and Gona.

6. The Battle of Savo Island (Aug. 8-9) and other Naval actions which resulted in heavy losses to the Jap fleet.

By the beginning of 1943 the initial advantage which Japan had gained in the war from her surprise attack, advance preparations and concentration of force had begun to level off. The United Nations—although still fighting with but one hand—now began to pour more men and material into the Pacific for a limited counter-offensive. We were beating the Germans and holding the Jap.

On Jan. 10, 1943, U. S. troops on Guadalcanal renewed their offensive and 13 days later that island, first invaded by marines, fell to our forces.

In June, the Allies opened an offensive in New Georgia, and Bougainville was invaded Oct. 25. In November, Marine and Army forces landed on Makin and Tarawa. Other Jap-held bases in the Pacific were, by this time, taking a daily pasting from the air.

Meanwhile, we were on the move again in the China-Burma-India Theater. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, who, by his own admission 'took a hell of a licking' from the Japs in their conquest of Burma, was ready for another punch at the foe. Service troops, principally American, and foot soldiers, mainly Chinese, together accomplished one of the great construction feats of all time—the building of the all-weather, 2-lane Ledo road to connect with the old Burma road in Northern Burma. The foot soldiers cleaned the Japs out of the jungles and the service troops followed close on their heels with bulldozers and road building equipment.

British and native Indian troops also played a big part in the victory by smashing a Jap invasion of East-

ern India in March, 1943. The British, under Adm. Mountbatten, then opened an offensive of their own which drove the Japs out of Burma.

The Chinese, too, were getting their wind back. Switching from superb defensive tactics to their first great offensive of the war, they freed Foochow of the enemy and pushed the invader back in South-eastern China. Contributing to the successful Chinese drive were Allied service troops, engineers, airborne troops, and infantry instructors as well as the fighters and bombers commanded by M/Gen. Claire M. Chennault and the airmen who flew the hump with supplies for China's armies.

In 1944 and '45 the U. S. had enough punch left over from its invasion of France and Germany to rain its biggest blows—thus far—on Japan. The blows came from three directions—land, sea and air.

First came a sea victory, in which the American Navy supplemented by Australian units, crushed the Jap fleet, opening the gates to the Philippines and almost eliminating Japan as a sea power. Our ships, including supply vessels, became virtually free to roam the Western Pacific and our amphibious units were freed of the danger of attack by enemy surface craft.

On land we took Saipan and Guam, then moved into the tropical Philippines, sulphurous Iwo Jima and volcanic Okinawa. From the air our B-29s blasted the Jap home islands, reducing the home cities to flame, rubble, and dust. Our fleet invaded the Jap home waters, blasted the homeland with sea-going artillery, unleashed planes to wreak further havoc.

Stripped of her sea and air power, the Jap answer to this steady assault was unrestricted use of the wierdest, most macabre weapon of the war—Kamakaze. This suicide fleet of Jap planes dove with manic fury at the decks of our ships in a desperate, frenzied attempt to match the sting of a bee against the thundering power of a stampeding herd of elephants.

The battle for Okinawa—most strategically important of the entire war—was marked by two major events. Halfway through it President Roosevelt died. Four weeks later Germany surrendered.

After the unconditional surrender of Germany, the U. S. really turned

on the juice in the Pacific. Okinawa fell. Our air and fleet attacks on Japan's home islands were intensified and then—on Aug. 5—the most deadly weapon ever devised by man was brought into use to KO Japan. The first atomic bomb fell on the city of Hiroshima and—when the smoke had cleared away—most of that city was gone. Only ceath and dust remained.

Use of the atom bomb and Soviet Russia's entrance into the war on the side of the Allies were the final blows that broke Japan. The bomb was used again—against Nagasaki, once more it left nothing in its wake but ruin. The Red Army then plunged across the Siberian border into Jap-held Manchuria.

Here at Letterman the end of the war came with dramatic suddenness. The hospital public address system carried the official announcement of the President two minutes after 1600 Pacific War Time on Tuesday, 14 August.

The most frequent comment heard on the wards and corridors and in the offices was:

"Thank God."

MORE ABOUT SGT. FARRELL

admitted at all three camps. At each camp it was: bad food, malnutrition, hard work, Jap guards with clubs and many beatings, no medicines, suffering and many deaths from malaria, dysentery, berri beerri. At Camp O'Donnell alone, Sgt. Farrell figures, 1,500 of the 3,000 Americans died within a period of four months.

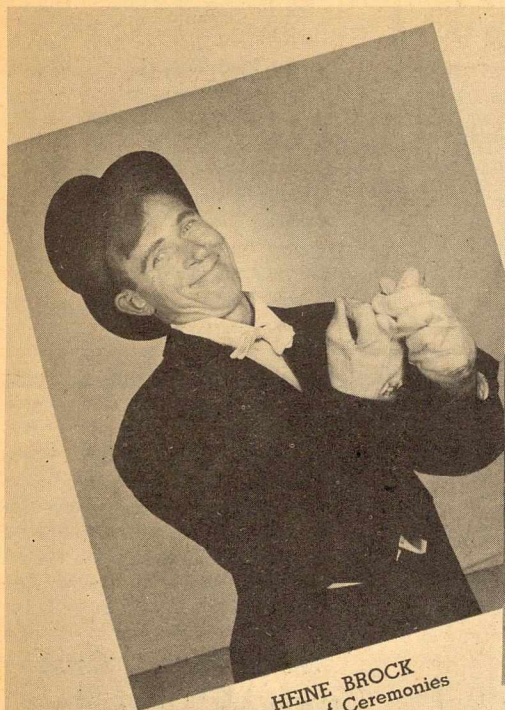
Many times he experienced Jap clubbings, he says, about the head and body. They cared little where their clubs fell.

When Sgt. Farrell arrived at Letterman from Manila on March 8, he weighed 135 pounds. He'd gone up from 118 pounds on the boat over. Today, after four months of hospital treatment and rest and good food, he tips the scale at 190 pounds.

But Peace? He must learn to "get used to the idea."

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS)—Cab driver Joe Smith pcked up a fare, drove the wrong way down a one-way street, passed a red light and double parked. He collected (1) his fare, (2) a tip, (3) a traffic ticket from his passenger, a plainclothes detective.

STARS OF ICE-LESS FOLLIES TO SHOW HERE MONDAY



HEINE BROCK
Master of Ceremonies



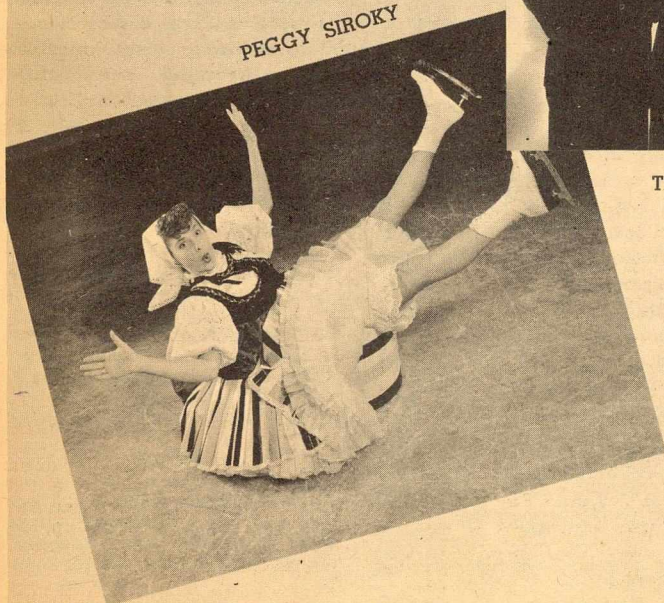
WALTER RUDOLPH
And his gang



MARY JANE LEWIS
Director



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PEGGY SIROKY



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EDITORIAL

PEACE IN OUR TIME

With quiet restored again, both on the battle fields of the world and on both sides of Market Street, all of us have a few questions to propose to ourselves, not as individuals and where we might fit into the future, but as collective Americans who have paid a high price to retain what we hold dear.

The terrible war now at an end—we hope—was waged and won by the youth of the country under the able leadership of men who have devoted their lives to preparations for the defense of our homeland and principles embodied in its being. True to our tradition—prior to the war we had a pinch penny policy on defense and then had to "blow the bank roll" when the war caught up with us. Even our luck stayed with us; we had plenty of time to get set for our first round.

The military carried the war to a successful conclusion and it now falls to the diplomats, statesmen, and largely the politicians to bring the peace to the same end. The military were content with a single objective—win the war. But the diplomats, and the statesmen, and the politicians will have to contend with a variety of objectives—not so simple.

The men and women of our armed forces merit a "well done" from the nation. They have made it possible to have peace in our time.

Let their achievement be an



By Marie Field

Peace, it is wonderful—to at least one LGH newly assigned nurse, 1st Lieutenant Mabel A. Kearin of, the Bronx, New York, who reported for duty August 13, just 24 hours before the great news broke.

Just recently back from more than two years of service in the ETO with two bronze stars on her ribbon, she took part in the North African and Italian campaigns.

It was in North Africa, at Constantine, where she served in the Station Hospital and nursed Americans, Arabs, Singalese French Colonials and English, that she met her biggest reason for wanting peace. He is Captain Lawrence F. Kearin of the Allied Military forces. That was in the spring of 1943.

There was Anzio to see through. Going in on D plus five day, she served in the 56th Evacuation Hospital which was set up just behind the lines. When asked about her most exciting experience there, she replied:

"What can you say about war? There's nothing glamorous about any of it. The most exciting thing that can happen now is to be discharged."

Her wedding to Captain Kearin was a formal church affair and took place last December in Rome at the Saint Suzanna. They were both lucky enough to get a 10-day leave together for a honeymoon in the mountains of Siena, she recalls. But the signs of war were all about them. Her real honeymoon will come now, in Peace.

Added also to the expanding LGH staff—Captain May D. Hanawalt, from DeWitt General Hospital, Auburn; 2nd Lt. Lala J. Gandillon from the redistribution center, Miami Beach; 1st Lt. Josephine M. Zito and 2nd Lt. Mary C. Long.

Relaxing, recuperating or just having a good leave—Lt. Blanche R. Cernac who took off August 9 for 15 days; Lt. MayDe Curtis whose leave began August 13; Captain Shirley Rierson, and Lt. Kathleen

incentive to the diplomats, and the statesmen, and the politicians.



The new swimming pool opened for use and well patronized by the latest thing in swim suits.

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Colonel Patrick J. Ryan, one time at Walter Reed, and more recently with the Fifth Army in Italy, here to look up old friends in the Medical Corps. With him Lieut. Col. William J. Walsh, also former Walter Reed chaplain in the days before the war.

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Lieut. Gen. Mathew B. Ridgway paying a social call on our commanding general.

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Miss Kay Hardy still house hunting and getting ready for a quick trip to Hollywood next week. Cpl. Helen D. Wilson planning to go along for the ride.

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The cast from "Rose Marie" getting a taste of Army chow and approving.

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Some of our WAC losing their hats, but not their heads, in the Market Street peace celebrations.

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Captain May D. Hanawalt back in the Chief Nurse's office.

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A Sabbath quiet succeeding the noisy hours after the surrender of the Japs.

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Crissy Annex all ready to open.

McKay, August 16 and Lt. Katherine H. Kvaternick, who left August 12. Lt. Eleanor Kerr will take off for 15 days next Monday and the next day four nurses, Lt. Norma Wood, Lt. Odette Plaincassagne, Lt. Dorothy Johnson and Lt. Helen F. Kolar put their shoulders to a Peace-vacation formula.

Back from leave in time to hear, through the LGH radio system, the news of victory—Lt. Marian D. Elliott, Lt. Mary Boggs and 2nd Lt. Mary E. Burke.

From nurse to trainee—1st Lts. Aurelie A. Paulin, Joan Reidy and Margaret V. Spratt. The trio was relieved from assignment to duty in order to take courses in anesthesia at Letterman.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, August 19, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Mass daily at 1700.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

As You Were

Instructions from the office of the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, have been received to hold in abeyance all the plans for the construction involved in the expansion of hospital facilities at Letterman.

"Rose Marie" Cast Gives LGH Hit Show

Last Tuesday afternoon before the peace declaration broke into the routine of Letterman's schedule, a part-cast of the "Rose Marie" company presented a fast-moving musical show for the patients and personnel in the YMCA auditorium.

The "Rose Marie" troupers were aided and abetted by the quick quips of Mr. Ira Blue, NBC radio announcer, and the quicker-than-the-eye demonstrations of magician Steve Shepard.

The light-opera stars themselves brought rounds of applause with such acts as Tom Halligan's energetic vocalizing, Jane Stephen's Hawaiian wiggling, and Carolyn Selby's smooth singing.

The program had been preceded by a tuneful half-hour with the newly-arrived WAC band under the direction of Miss Margery Pickett.

Indianapolis (CNS) — The meanest woman in Indianapolis is the one recently fined by City Court for defrauding a newsboy out of 3 cents. She bought a paper, the newsboy testified, read it, complained that she didn't like the editorials and refused to pay for it.

San Francisco (CNS) — Three local convicts engineered a jail break. Captured, they explained: "All we wanted were some cigarettes."

WAC OF THE WEEK



MADELINE PENNINGTON
Technician, 4th Grade

T/4 Madeleine Pennington, New Jersey's addition to the trumpet section of the Wac band, may not have a musical heritage behind her but, if past activities and her music-making present mean anything, she is on her way to a glorious future.

The dark-eyed, vivacious Wac, a member of the corps for two and a half years, can point to only one musician in her family—her grandfather who played the cornet in France years ago and still practiced when he immigrated to the United States.

Madeleine, on her own volition and without parental prodding, began taking trumpet lessons when she was 10; she played in high school band and orchestra and, upon graduation, got work in the record department of Wanamakers' department store in Philadelphia.

Her every-day work in music was not enough. After hours Madeleine played in the stores band, the city's symphony orchestra for women, a 14-piece women's dance band that furnished music for school and hotel functions. She was also one of a trumpet-playing trio that whiled away the off-duty hours of Fort Dix soldiers.

In Des Moines, February of 1943, Madeleine was auditioned and assigned as trumpeter with the outfit which later became the Fort Oglethorpe Band.

At Oglethorpe she had all the thrills that the rest of the band experienced in playing for the visits of famous people—and she had more. For Madeleine had the definite, but dangerous, privilege of being bugler.

"Two days a week I bugled. It got to be routine, except for retreat. That has always been impressive to me; it has always made me think more than anything else of the fellows over there."

HERE'S BACKGROUND ON RUSSIA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

By Camp Newspaper Service

Soviet Russia has joined her Western Allies in their war on Japan "to shorten the period of war, to cut down the number of victims and to contribute to the quickest restoration of general peace."

"The Soviet Government considers that only by this policy of theirs can peace be brought nearer, peoples delivered from future sacrifices and sufferings and the Japanese people provided with the possibility of avoiding the danger and destruction endured by Germany after her refusal to capitulate unconditionally," said Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov in a statement announcing Russia's declaration of war against Japan.

The announcement climaxed 40 years of strained relations between the two great Asiatic powers—relations which had their start in the Russo-Jap War of 1904-05. More than once the 40 year "peace" between the two countries was broken by border skirmishes and—in 1939—by open, undeclared war in Manchuria.

Until the end of 1939, Japan's quest for empire was aimed—like that of Germany—at lands held by

Russia. Only through adroit diplomacy was war averted.

Step by step the Japs, in crafty political maneuvering, moved closer to the Siberian border. Then—in 1939—they took one step too many and the Russians hit back. The Red Armored units, under Marshal Zhukov, scored a quick victory on the Manchuria-Outer Mongolia border in a three-month campaign that cost the Japs 20,000 men.

Then the Jap became conciliatory. The neutrality pact of 1941 was signed. Russia won back the Sakhalin oil rights she had lost in 1905 and the Red Army turned to face a new threat—from Hitler's legions in the West.

Since the signing of the pact, relations between the U.S.S.R. and Japan have been peaceful on the surface only. The Japs coveted Vladivostok, Russian Sakhalin and Siberia itself, but—wary of the Red Army's might—chose to play a waiting game.

With the German armies defeated, the Russians turned again to face their old tormenters. Moscow refused to renew the 1941 neutrality pact, then—"faithful to their duties as Allies"—the Soviet Government, on Aug. 9, 1945, joined the war against Japan.

ON THE SPOT



URBAN H. WILL
Technical Sergeant, Inf.

T/Sgt. Urban H. Will of Evansville, Indiana, wounded twice in the Philippines and decorated for bravery in leading an assault on an enemy machinegun position, is very modest concerning his exploits.

The quiet-speaking, 29-year-old former flour mill worker, when interviewed at Letterman, said, "It all happened near Olangapo on Luzon. A Jap machinegun had my platoon pinned down with its fire, and I took a squad around to one side with one of our light machineguns and knocked it out.

"The whole thing didn't amount to very much, really. We were pinned only a few minutes. As soon as we were able to get our machinegun into action, I killed the crew of the Jap machinegun and we went on."

Sergeant Will received his basic training with the hard-hitting "Cyclone" division at Camp Shelby, Miss., who bear the additional nickname of "Bataan Avengers" for capturing Zig-Zag Pass at the top of Bataan Peninsula and cutting off the Jap forces there in a maneuver similar to that achieved by the enemy three years before against the outnumbered American troops.

Both of Sergeant Will's wounds occurred soon after the action at Olangapo for which he was cited. He was struck in the arm by mortar shell fragments, and a short time later was wounded in the back by another mortar burst. Both times, he was able to walk back to the aid station for medical attention.

The fighting Hoosier, who was overseas for 19 months, wears a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon.



"It's only an earthquake . . . I hope!"

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

If it hadn't been for his very special grin, Pvt. Doris Strawn thinks she would have had a harder time than she did picking her cousin out of a dayroom full of servicemen when he paid her a surprise visit recently.

It was their first meeting in 10 years, in fact since the days when they used to "knock around together" as youngsters in Fort Bragg, Calif. Pvt. Strawn's cousin, a staff sergeant, returned six months ago from duty in the Aleutians and is stationed now in Florida.

Her cousin at that first meeting pulled his rank once, Pvt. Strawn says, but for once she didn't mind. "You're at attention, private; your hands are at your sides," he told her as he paid the dinner check.

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Pvt. Sally T. Kwasniewski is back after a reunion at home with her brother, newly returned to the states after hospitalization in France and previous internment in a German prison camp.

Her brother had been well, Pvt. Kwasniewski says, until the day of his liberation when he was accidentally shot by a buddy while cleaning a machine gun.

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Seen around the barracks—Ferdinand, a large china bull, sitting on Pvt. Lorraine Cross' bunk as a reminder of her skill in driving the required number of spikes into a board at a seaside concession recently. "The only trouble is that I don't know what to do with him for inspection," according to Lorraine.

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Furloughs . . . T/5th Gr. Marie A. Allor, Chicago; T/5th Gr. Maxine J. Carpenter, Seattle, Wash., and Sheridan, Texas, and Pvt. Maysie D. Mallard, Savannah, Ga.

Three day passes . . . T/4th Gr. Helene B. Jaffin, Pvt. Agnes M. Ceryes, Pvt. Margaret A. Hayden, Pvt. Winnifred N. Brown and Pvt. Bernadean L. Yarroll, who all spent their recent off-duty time in San Francisco; T/5th Gr. Evaline Blance, San Luis Obispo; Pvt. Georgina Placido, Richmond, and Pvt. Verle Simmons, Lake County.

Bristol, Conn (CNS) — Steve Ostroski, 36, was sore at the cops because they locked him up on a drunk charge. So he set fire to his \$300 bankroll and burned it.

SGT. FARRELL HAS A VERY SPECIAL REASON TO GO BACK TO JAPAN



Staff Sgt. JULIUS D. FARRELL, M.D.

A few minutes before 4 the afternoon of last Tuesday, August 14, a former prisoner of war, S/Sgt. Julius D. Farrell of San Diego, sat at a table in the general hospital mess being interviewed for the Foghorn.

He was telling how he had gone overseas as a medical corpsman in April 1941, how he was in the receiving office at Sternberg General Hospital the evening of December 8 when they brought in the first casualties of the bombing.

"We worked all night, and from then on it was 18 hours work and two hours sleep, until Christmas . . ."

Precisely at that moment the mess hall radio began blasting and someone began shouting . . . Peace had come at last!

Sgt. Farrell, his somber brown eyes still focused on the memories of those days before a certain Christmas in Manila, continued to sit, silent.

There is how one LPW took the news.

Just 31, and with more than 3½ years of war and imprisonment under the Japanese behind him, Sgt. Farrell confessed to feeling dazed

and unbelieving. Peace was too much for him to take at one gulp; he wanted it to come gradually.

There was just time to get him to the photo lab for a picture before Peace took hold of LGH. Photographer T/4th Gr. Agnes Zouhar worked hard to get that smile from the sergeant. He sat and perspired, partly from picture panic, partly from a recent attack of malaria which he brought back with him from the Philippines.

A few minutes were all we could manage to finish his story, before the true meaning of that 4 o'clock message seeped in and everyone went off, to rejoice or meditate peace in his or her own way.

Evacuation of Sternberg Hospital took place on Christmas day. That was the first of four Christmas dinners the sergeant missed before his liberation at Cabanatuan by the Rangers last January 30.

The story of how he retreated to Bataan, one of the four months of siege by the Japs, of his being taken prisoner along with about 10,000 American soldiers, of his imprisonment at Manila, at Camp O'Donnell,

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: S/Sgt. William O. Reynolds and T/5 Gr. Tony P. Chupen.

Congratulations are in order for Sgt. Marby A. Van Dyne who was promoted to Staff Sergeant during the week.

Furloughs are still the order of the day and the lucky GIs to be off to their homes during the week were: Sgt. Cleofante T. Tierno with 25 days; T/4th Gr. Francis A. Lorentz and Cpl. Earl W. Sampson, each with 23 days; Sgt. James E. Lewis with 21 days; Cpl. Victor Vigil with 19 days, T/3rd Gr. Jack S. Murray and Cpl. Edward A. Rhinehart, each with 17 days; Sgt. Addison D. Lewis and Cpl. Theodore Otterstetter, each with 15 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. John R. Davis winning the latest snooker tournament and taking the local crown from Pvt. Frank T. Colaizzo.

T/5th Gr. Israel Kulak looking through Esquire for his post war uniform.

Good luck to Sgt. Myron R. Murdock who was transferred to a new station during the week.

Cpl. Benjamin Weitz taking a beating in snooker and billiards from the local champs but still saying that he can beat them if they would play "Brooklyn" style.

Sgt. Joseph P. Sansone, the Mr. Anthony of the detachment, holding a forum every morning at eight on the war situation.

Sgt. Robert E. McAlpine during a tour of duty as a patient in the Dante Annex.

Sgt. Caesar Michelotti now acting as a detachment laundry man and claiming that he is losing weight from tossing barracks bags.

The members of the detachment spending the last week asking each other if they have their civies ready to wear while anxiously awaiting the official announcement that the war is over.

then at Davao Penal Colony, and last at Cabanatuan, is a narrative which carries now a tragic and monotonous aura of unreality.

"Rough treatment" they had, he

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CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

As we wandered through the halls this week in search of news, we felt an air of expectancy and suppressed excitement throughout the hospital. At LGH as everywhere in the world, we pursued our duties with calm deliberation, waiting for the news that would enable us to let ourselves go completely to celebrate our great and final victory. However, our personnel went on with its plans and carried them out according to schedule. Though the end of the war has been the only subject of conversation for days, we were able to extricate the following facts from among the civilians.

Marj Jones is back at her desk in the Info Office after a week of relaxation in Santa Rosa. On her return to S. F., Marj went on a shopping spree and indulged in a complete new wardrobe. Among other things, girls, she was able to secure four pairs of super-sheer hose. To avoid a riot as a result of this statement, we've already asked her and the answer is a very emphatic "NO."

Raymond John Francis, a gardener here for four years, is leaving for his native England soon. Raymond, a British subject, was unable to return to his family during the war so he immediately came to LGH to help out. He has his passport now and will be off as soon as a few minor details have been taken care of and his transportation is arranged. We wish him good luck and Bon Voyage.

School bells are ringing for **Kathryn White**, who is leaving for Arizona. **Coleen Des Rosier** will continue her studies shortly in Hibbing, Minn.

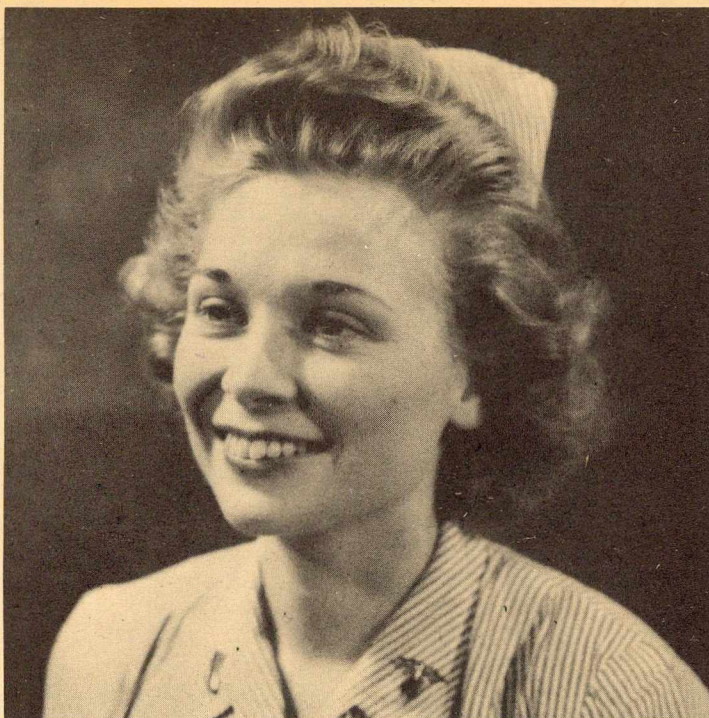
Donna White from R & E will join her husband in Newfoundland where he is stationed.

Eleanor Giuliani is at Lake Tahoe with her b. f. who has come back from the ETO.

While **Betty Jo Garff** was vacationing in Salt Lake City, she received word that her service man had reached San Diego on his way home from the South Pacific. Betty lost no time in dashing down to meet him.

Our War Bond minute-men are busy as beavers on the deduction plan this week. Are you a ten-percenter?

WHAT COULD YOU DO WITH EYES OF BLUE WHEN THEY WERE GENTIAN TOO?



1st Lieut. EVELYN WESTLIND, ANC.
Liked her duty on a hospital ship in the ETO

In the bevy of beauties we have at Letterman in the Nurse Corps, the Dietitians, the PTs, and the WAC, one might say blondes are a dime a dozen and almost no sale at that price but a blonde with eyes of gentian blue is something else again.

First Lieut. Evelyn Westlind reported for duty at Letterman on a Sunday afternoon. She hauled her bags up to the office of the Chief Nurse only to find the door closed—"Out to Lunch"—and the lovely lieutenant sat down to wait. Finally an officer discovered her and being the PRO he knew he had a discovery. A few days later her story and photo made the local press, which was some feat what with the war and possible peace taking up so much of the limited news space.

Lieut. Westlind came to us from a tour of duty in the European Theatre of Operations on board a hospital ship that shuttled from Italy to Africa to France and made an occasional trip to the homeland. It was a ship that went into tight places, spots where the shooting was the kind that kills, and she has four battle stars on the campaign ribbon for that experience. In the course of

time she can match some of the tales to be told around the family hearth.

Evelyn—by the third paragraph we always call the girls by their first names—is a resident of Turlock, right here in our Golden State, but that blond hair and gentian-blue eyes are honest and true and could only come from Minnesota. She was born in Minneapolis and that explains everything.

Being publicity shy, and modest withal, Evelyn asked to be excused from further appearance in print, and even our best blue eyed and blonde reporter failed to come back with a story. Maybe our reporter does not have gentian blue eyes; we'll have to have another look—close up.

The lieutenant says she likes swimming and is alleged to swing a mean golf club in her leisure moments, more of which she hopes to have now that the war is over and people will have time to play. In fact, she has no immediate projects but at her age it will not take too long to make an outline of what to do and when.

Such eyes of blue, and gentian too—zowie!!!

The Stork Was Here

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Wilver **Drummond**, a daughter, **Sandra Jean**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 6 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank B. **Chamberlain**, a son, **Frank Ralph**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 7 August.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. George R. **Drew**, a son, **George Ronald**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 8 August.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. **Wheeler**, twin sons, **Francis Patrick** and **Roy Michael**, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces each, born 8 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles **Demetrak**, a son, **Robert Charles**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 8 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. Adam J. **Norris**, a daughter, **Treva Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 9 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. Herbert **Price**, a daughter, **Patricia Eloise**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 11 August.

To Major and Mrs. George W. **Rogers**, a daughter, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 12 August.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Ray **Johnson**, a daughter, **Kathleen Gwen**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 12 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John W. **Collwell**, a daughter, **Carolyn Jean**, weight 8 pounds, born 12 August.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. Robert **Brower**, a daughter, **Susanna Elizabeth**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 12 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. Allan W. **Koblick**, a son, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 12 August.

MORE ABOUT PHONE GIRLS

marks of patients, the telephone girls have come to realize in 26 months what great significance there is for many in the first piece of cake in 34 months, the first taste of their favorite cookies in a couple of years.

News From Home

Bloomington, N. Y. (CNS)—The town fathers here have passed a bill making it unlawful to display any part of the human anatomy between the knee and the shoulder. The move was made to thwart summer visitors who parade on Bloomington's streets clad only in shorts and halters.

MORE ABOUT PEACE NEWS

back of it. Here female employees hugged each other, and one patient took advantage of their exuberance, and grabbed himself a quick kiss.

Some of the military were quipping, "Just call me mister" or "Send my discharge right up when it arrives." One WAC just looked wistful, and kept muttering something about a cabin in northern Michigan.

Down further in the corridor, the news was received very calmly. In the barber shop, the tonsors continued to clip shaggy heads and shave bearded faces. Waiting customers, all red-pajama clad patients, sat almost listlessly watching the happy celebrants dash by in the hall outside.

The PX was calm and uncrowded. A few patients sauntered between the counters and one bought a gift "just to celebrate." Down in the telegraph office, there was but one person—the clerk. This seemed surprising, but it could be that the rush to share happiness with their loved ones by wire, came later.

On the wards, there was little activity. For one thing, most of the wards were almost empty, and of what few patients were bedded there, most of them were out in the halls. However, in N-1, six patients were grouped together, and the nurse was congratulating each and every one of them again and again. She was one of the happiest persons we met that day. The patients themselves talked quietly and speculated on how long it would take for them to get well and get out. One talked wistfully of his wife and child, and how now he could be with them again. We left him looking longingly at their picture and saying, "It's a great day, alright, and it won't be long now!"

By the time we arrived back at headquarters, most of the building was empty and the last happy cries of a happy people were echoing from the car lots. As we passed the office of one of Letterman's older officers, we saw him sitting calm and silent by his window. We went in. He smiled at our youth and explained his own serenity by saying, "This is the third peace I have seen. I can understand how you feel." And though he didn't know it, we too, understood how he felt.

And that's how peace and victory came to Letterman.

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for information about school credit for
Army Training, SEE YOUR I & E OFFICER

WD Won't Cut Point Score Yet

Washington (CNS) — Secretary Stimson has announced that the War Department has no immediate intention of reducing the 85-point discharge level, and that the present rate of discharge of long-service men — 4000 a day — will continue. He said:

"We shall not let any man go whose going jeopardizes the life of the men who remain to fight. The operations of the point system must be subordinate to the fighting needs of Gen MacArthur."

Newspapers and press associations said the Stimson statement was an inferential reply to congressional and other demands for the release of more men.

The secretary reiterated that 2,000,000 will be separated by June 1, 1946, three-fourths of whom will leave under the point system. The size of the Army, however, will not be reduced by that number because inductions average 3000 a day. The WD thus will have 7,000,000 men, which it says are required to lick Japan.

Mr Stimson said 800,000 85-point men remain to be discharged, after which the critical score will be revised to let out another 700,000. At the time of recomputation of points, credit

'Dead' GI Comes Home

Miami (CNS) — S/Sgt Thomas E. McCall, 29, who won the Medal of Honor "posthumously," but can now wear it, is back in the States. He was captured in Italy after aiding 2 injured men under fire, and knocking out 3 enemy machine gun nests. Not knowing that he was alive, the WD gave his medal to his parents. Although McCall is eligible for discharge, he is heading for the Pacific.

will be given for service after May 12, the date as of which points were calculated.

So far 235,000 men have been restored to civilian life by points.

Meanwhile, The Stars and Stripes quoted Army official's as saying that thousands of clerk-typists and stenographers, with MOSs of 405 and 213, have been declared critical in the ETO and have been frozen there. They may not be returned to the States, regardless of point score, because of the volume of work involved in redeployment and discharges, the paper said.

Lately they have been bitten by a small boy who sneaks up from behind, nips them on the legs and vanishes in the bushes.

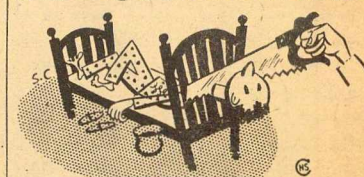
News From Home

Beverly Hills, Cal (CNS) — Carol Tisher, who was sentenced to 15 days in the jug for drunken driving, didn't show up at the jail. "I can't," he wrote from the city jail at nearby Van Nuys, "I'm serving 30 days here for disturbing the peace."

Chicago (CNS) — Burglars broke into police headquarters here, cracked a safe, and made off with hundreds of envelopes containing evidence to be used in pending criminal cases. In their haste, however, they neglected an envelope containing \$200,000.

Detroit (CNS) — Men's shorts are so hard to get in Detroit that male customers are buying ladies panties at department stores.

Kansas City (CNS) — Joe Infield, a restless sleeper, got his head wedged between the bars of



his bed. His wife, mother-in-law, a neighbor and 2 cops finally freed him with a hack saw.

Knoxville, Tenn (CNS) — Dave Everett struck a bargain with his divorced wife. She could have \$700, all their furniture and \$80 a month, he agreed, if he could keep the telephone.

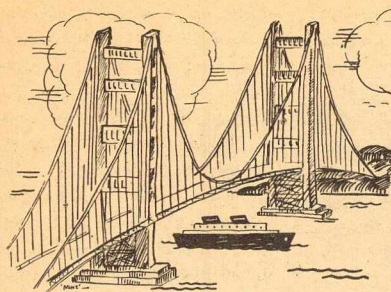
New Rochelle, N. Y. (CNS) — Thomas Paine, denied the right to vote in New Rochelle in 1806 by local citizens, at last has won his citizenship back in this town. New Rochelle's mayor, restoring Paine's voting rights 139 years too late, said that the author of "The Crisis" had done more than any other man "to make this a free and independent nation."

N. Y. Bar Will Admit GIs Without Exams

Albany, N. Y. (CNS) — The New York State Court of Appeals in a recent ruling has opened the door whereby GI law students may obtain admission to the state bar without taking the prescribed examinations.

The examinations were dispensed with by the court for those who entered the armed services before completing their studies and whose duties have prevented them from taking the succeeding examinations.

The GI applicant, however, must have received his law school degree from a school recognized by the State Board of Regents and must have been in active service for at least a year before he may be admitted to the bar.



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Gen. Morgan Here On Official Visit

"I think doctors, nurses, MAC's, corpsmen, WAC's, and civilian employees of the Medical Department have a right to be very proud of their contribution to the war effort," said Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Morgan, Chief Consultant in Medicine in the Office of Surgeon General, in an interview at Letterman Sunday morning.

The Medical Corps General, who is visiting West Coast hospitals, was high in his praise of the Medical Department. "As a civilian who entered the Army and was placed in a vantage point to see Army medicine at work, I feel the Medical Department has justified its reputation for having provided the best medical and surgical care for soldiers ever given by any medical outfit of any army."

Gen. Morgan is a product of the South, having been born in Nashville, Tenn. He was schooling at Johns Hopkins when the last war broke out and claimed his services. "I served as an enlisted man for a year, and am proud of it," he said in his slow drawl, which still bears traces of the South.

His enlisted tour of duty came to an end in the spring of 1918 when he received both his degree and commission as first lieutenant on the battlefield. After that, he served in evacuation hospitals throughout France for the rest of the war.

Coming back to the states, he headed straight for Johns Hopkins, where he was given an internship and assistant residency. His next move was to the Rockefeller Institute for three years, and from there it was back to the South as Assistant Professor of Medicine at Van-

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HERE FROM WASHINGTON
On an official visit, Brigadier General Hugh J. Morgan (left) talks things over with General Hillman.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CHIEF IS HONORED GUEST AT DINNER HERE

The Director General of Medical Services for the Australian Army, Major General Samuel R. Burston, was the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Presidio Officers' Club by Brigadier General C. C. Hillman on Wednesday evening of this week.

General Burston made a five weeks' tour of the United States and visited many medical installations during his visit. On the trip to the west coast he was accompanied by Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of Army, who remained in the northwest while General Burston came on to San Francisco. The distinguished visitor left for the Pacific area on Thursday morning.

In addition to General Burston

other guests at the dinner were: Major General Henry C. Pratt, U.S.A., Archbishop John J. Mitty, Mr. A. J. S. Pullan, British Consul, Major General Willis H. Hale, U.S.A., Major General Homer M. Groninger, U.S.A., Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt (MC), U.S.N., Major General William M. Goodman, U.S.A., Brigadier General Ralph E. Haines, U.S.A., Brigadier General Harold F. Nichols, U.S.A., Brigadier General William H. Wilbur, U.S.A., Brigadier General Milton O. Boone, U.S.A., Brigadier General Henry A. Barber, Jr., U.S.A., Doctor J. C. Geiger, Colonel Horace S. Villars, M.C., Major Alexander Gallo-way, Australian Military Mission, Colonel Brown S. McClintic, M.C.,

Award of Legion Of Merit Conferred On General Hillman

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, was decorated with the Legion of Merit at the Presidio of San Francisco Thursday in a presentation ceremony following the retreat formation.

The presentation was made by Major General H. C. Pratt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command.

General Hillman was cited for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from August, 1939, to August, 1944." As Chief of the Professional Service, Office of the Surgeon General, "General Hillman, by his untiring effort and devotion to duty, was responsible for the development of this Service from a small pre-war division to a large, well-balanced organization. Under his direction, physical standards were set up for the war-time Army and professional direction was given to the blood plasma program and many other technical procedures which have been highly successful in the war effort," the citation said.

General Hillman, who assumed command of Letterman General Hospital on August 23, 1944, previously served there as Chief of the Medical Service for a four-year period prior to 1939.

Colonel Boyd L. Smith, D.C., Lt. Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Ch.C., Lt. Colonel Seth O. Craft, P.C., Lt. Colonel William L. Beswick, M.A.C., 1st Lieutenant Claude A. McBay, M.A.C., and 1st Lieutenant Alfred L. Taro, M.A.C.

Gen. Hillman Had Important Part in Plasma Program

When the medical history of this war is written, one of the brightest chapters undoubtedly will be the story of blood plasma and the major role it has played in saving the lives of 97% of our fighting men wounded in battle.

And the name which will be written in large letters in that chapter probably will be that of Colonel Charles G. Hillman, now Brigadier General and Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital.

Early in 1940 General Hillman, as Chief of Professional Service of the Army, officially invited to the attention of his chief, Major General James C. Magee, then Surgeon General of the Army, the need, in preparing for possible national emergencies, of providing for the use of blood plasma, serum, or some other substitute in the treatment of traumatic shock among battle casualties.

That was the beginning. Today, after almost four years of war, thousands of lives can be reported saved by the quick use of plasma. When General Hillman made his suggestion, armies already at war were using transfusions of whole blood. England collected and stored whole blood from civilian donors and shipped this in heavy refrigerated units to France. As the stored blood aged and evidence of hemolysis appeared, the plasma was siphoned off and held in readiness to be used as a blood substitute when needed. It was clear that in any combat theatre in which the United States might become involved, the extensive use of citrated whole blood transported from the homeland would be impracticable with the limited overseas transport service then available.

In May, 1940, following General Hillman's suggestion, The Surgeon General requested organization of committees under the sponsorship of the National Research Council to serve in an advisory capacity to The Surgeon General of the Army. Upon request of the Surgeons General of the Navy and the Public Health Service, the service of these committees was promptly extended to include the Medical Department of the Navy and the Public Health Service.

The Council's first step was to establish a Committee on Shock and Transfusions under the chairmanship of Dr. Walter B. Cannon of Harvard. At their first meeting in Washington, May 31, 1940, General Hill-

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man was asked to discuss with officers of the American Red Cross the possibility of that organization's co-operation in procuring blood donors.

A small Subcommittee on Blood Substitutes was appointed, with Dr. Cyrus C. Sturgis of the University of Michigan as chairman and other outstanding specialists in the field of blood transfusion as members. The use of human plasma as the best substitute for whole fresh blood for transfusion purposes was already accepted by the medical profession and was practiced to a limited extent in the Army and Navy, as well as in civilian medical practice. It was the mission of this subcommittee to perfect a technique through which plasma could be kept free of contamination and preserved in the natural state over long periods of time. It had been found by biological manufacturers that minute quantities of therapeutic sera could be dried in vacuo and preserved for periods of years in hermetically sealed ampules. Backed by this experience, it became the special problem of this group of scientists to perfect the technique of drying human plasma in large quantities and to develop equipment for its immediate use at front line medical installations in the field.

A second meeting of the National Research Council on November 30, 1940, reviewed the work being done on the collection and processing of blood plasma. Dr. DeKleine, Medical Director, American Red Cross, promised Red Cross support in an expanded program and the result was the "Go Ahead" sign to provide human blood so that in case of national emergency local blood donor organizations would be in a position to supply blood needed by the armed forces.

With the gathering of war clouds throughout the world, Surgeon Gen-

eral Magee and Surgeon General McIntire, on January 7, 1941, addressed formal appeals to Mr. Norman H. Davis, Chairman, American Red Cross, and Dr. Lewis H. Weed, Chairman, Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, for their aid in establishing a plan for collecting human blood for processing into plasma for use of the Army and Navy. The appeal was answered promptly and on May 12, 1941, a formal agreement was signed by the Red Cross and the National Research Council, the agreement carrying a complete outline of the project and plan of operation.

General Hillman continued to coordinate the general program for the Army with the Navy, the National Research Council, National Institute of Health, American Red Cross, and the biological manufacturers. All contracts with biological manufacturers for the processing of plasma were negotiated by the Supply Division of The Surgeon General's Office, U. S. Army, the required amount of processed plasma being turned over to the Navy Medical Department to meet its need.

Early in 1941, blood donor centers were established in metropolitan areas near the processing plants of leading biologic manufacturers. The first of these were opened in Philadelphia, New York, and Baltimore. Soon Buffalo, Rochester, Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, and San Francisco also had Red Cross Centers in operation. Dr. Earl S. Taylor (now Major, Medical Corps, U. S. Army), was made Technical Director of the American Red Cross Blood Donor Service. To insure the quality and uniformity of the final product, representatives of the Army, Navy, and Public Health Service made frequent visits to the plants of biological houses processing the

blood into dried plasma. This advisory and inspectorial group was made up of Dr. M. V. Veldee, Senior Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service, Chief of Biologics Control Laboratory, National Institute of Health; Captain Lloyd R. Newhouser, M.C., U. S. Navy, Head of Blood-Plasma Department, Naval Medical School, and Lt. Colonel Douglas B. Kendrick, Jr., Medical Corps, U. S. Army, Chief of Surgical Physiology Division, Army Medical School. These officers traveled the country from one end to the other to assure the proper handling of the blood and plasma until it was in the final form ready for delivery to the fighting forces.

Deliveries began late in the summer of 1941. The military forces promptly distributed the dried plasma to the most likely theatres of operation. The first supply available to the Army was sent to the Philippines. Fortunately it reached there prior to Pearl Harbor and on December 31, 1941, we find it being used upon the mercy ship Mactan which was evacuating wounded from Manila to Australia.

In 1941 nearly 50,000 pints of blood were donated, the year following, 1,325,000 pints, in 1943 the number reached 4,280,000 and last year, more than 5,000,000 pints were collected, or an average of 100,000 pints per week. More than 1,000,000 gallons of blood were contributed by volunteer donors for saving the lives of those wounded in combat.

It was shortly after the Allied invasion of France that Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, said over the radio that more than 97% of the wounded in the fighting forces were then being saved. To this remarkable record must be accredited excellent surgery and the use of blood plasma, donated by citizens from every walk of life within the United States.

In the past, most of the deaths among battle casualties resulted from traumatic shock. The treatment of this condition is an emergency measure. It must be administered promptly if it is to be effective. Blood plasma from volunteer donors has been available and moreover it has been available at the very front of the combat areas. It answered the emergency—the national emergency which General Hillman anticipated back in the early part of 1940.

Presidio Pets Perk Up as Patients at Post Pet Hospital

"Schenley the Skunk" felt terrible. He had sharp pains in his right foreleg and kept seeing black and white stripes in front of his eyes. "It's Tuesday," he mused, "Guess I'll hitch a ride to the Small Animals Clinic—if I get there before 9:00, I can find out what's wrong with me."

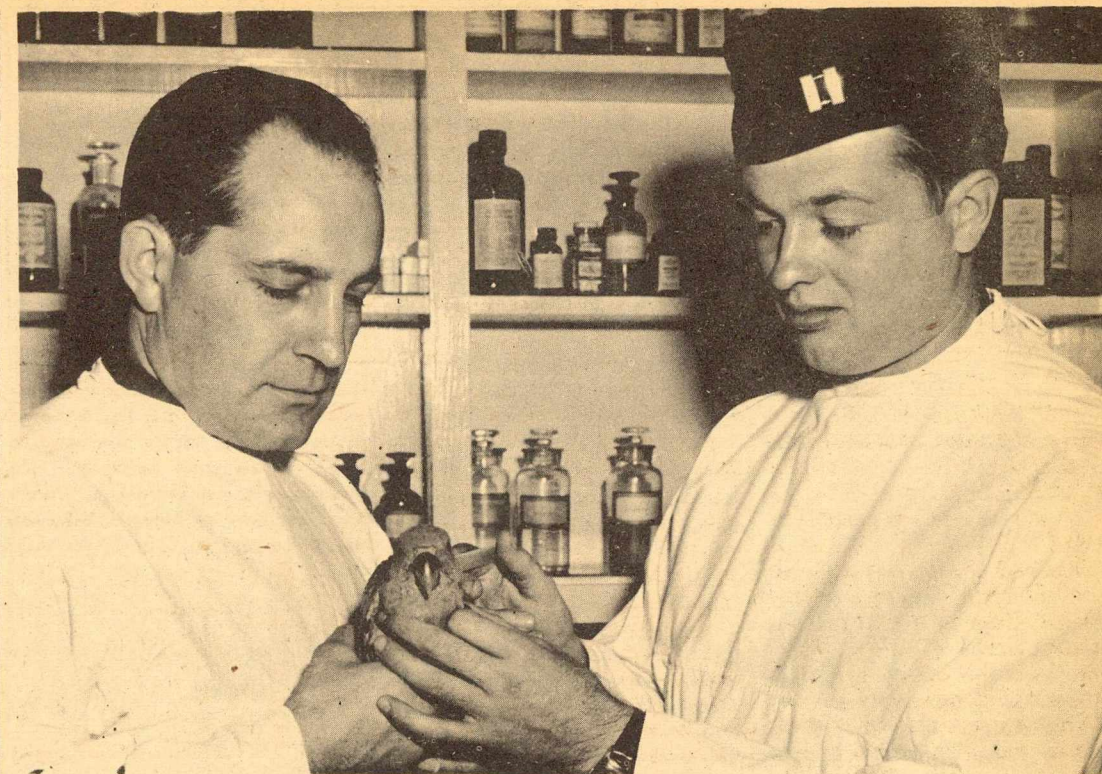
So "Schenley" hit the road and wagged his left paw in the usual pleading signal. It took him a little longer than most forest folk to get a ride, but finally a man in an open car stopped, and "Schenley" hopped in.

When he got to the Veterinary Station Hospital, he limped in and reported to Captain Jack Hylton, who rushed him into the special X-Ray room. There Captain Hylton discovered a broken bone and transferred him to the operating room. "Schenley" watched while an attendant weighed himself, then next thing he knew, the man had picked him up and was weighing both of them at the same time. The attendant then subtracted his weight from the combined total and arrived at "Schenley's" exact weight—important to know, he discovered, because dosages of medicine are given according to the poundage of the patient.

The day after his operation, "Schenley" spent considerable time inspecting the cast on his leg, and trading operation stories with a raccoon nearby who had both front paws fractured. "Schenley" listened with deep sympathy while the little raccoon explained that he used his paws to wash and eat his food, and was glad to hear that the thoughtful Veterinarian carefully washed the little fellow's food right there in front of him before feeding him!

That afternoon Sergeant Ed Bowman came into "Schenley's" room with "Jerry," the FOGHORN'S curly-cute mascot. "Jerry" had been working on a tunnel in his back yard, and had been so enthusiastic about the possibility of reaching our ally, China, he had failed to notice a certain treacherous spot. He leaped into it with all fours, and retreated on just three—his right leg was limp and useless!

As soon as the cast was set on "Jerry's" leg, he and "Schenley" traded notes on their similar injuries. "Schenley" tried to cheer him up with a story of a complicated operation performed on one of the Government horses that morning. He



CAPTAIN AWOL GETS ATTENTION

At the Presidio Veterinary Hospital for a leg sprain. L to R—S/Sgt. E. O. Bowman, Capt. Awol, and Captain J. W. Hylton, V.C.

pointed out that a horse's leg, being so much larger than either of theirs, must hurt twice as much, and maybe they'd both feel better if they went down in a few days and visited the poor fellow in his stall.

As "Schenley" got to the stage where he could get around a little, he went exploring. He visited the stables and the tack room, and got to be quite friendly with "Sambo," one of the four mules living at the Station. "Sambo" told him that the man in charge is Lieutenant Colonel V. W. McGinnis, who has been in the Army 11 years, and has been here at the Presidio seven months. Before that Colonel McGinnis served two years in the CBI theater, training Chinese troops in animal management and teaching them how to feed and care for the horses, mules and guard dogs that were used to help chase the Japs out of North Burma.

Col. McGinnis is the man who oversees the work of 30 men and eight officers in the important task of food inspection of animal food products—meat, poultry, etc.—used in the area ranging north to Arcata, Calif., east as far as Reno, Nev., and south to San Jose.

Assisting him is Captain Jack Hylton, who has been here almost a year, and is in charge of the Small Animals Clinic. (Capt. Hylton went to Iowa State College, incidentally, and is interested in trading tall tales with any other Iowa State alumni.)

Another interesting fact "Schenley" found out from "Sambo" is that there are four Government horses from which Letterman technicians draw anywhere from 500 cc to 1,000 cc of blood at least once a week. The serum is used in making cultures to aid in the hospital's diagnosis of disease.

"Schenley" then wanted to know more about the Small Animals Clinic. He discovered that the clinic is open Thursday and Saturday, as well as Tuesday, and between 8 and 9 in the morning, personnel of Letterman and the Presidio may bring their ailing pets for treatment. Captain Hylton has treated everything from wounded sea-gulls to a wild fox that was tamed by a wilder automobile.

The hospital is equipped with the most modern instruments and appliances, and often Capt. Hylton uses the famous Stader splint to get his little patients back to normal as

quickly as possible.

Usually he has to buy special medicines to help cure the little creatures, but sometimes he uses regular hospital supplies. He has one case of delicate instruments, especially designed to probe and peer into fuzzy throats and ears. For anaesthesia, he uses standard methods.

The question he's asked most often is, "How can you tell what ails them when they can't tell you where the pain is?" Captain Hylton says there are usually enough symptoms to indicate what's wrong, so he never worries too much about the problems of diagnosis.

The day little "Schenley" left, Captain AWOL, the parrot now living in the WAC barracks, came in for treatment of a sprained leg. "Schenley" was so impressed with the bird's ability to say a few words, he almost considered faking a tummy ache so he could stay and maybe learn to talk, himself. But Captain Hylton is a man who knows his business and he pronounced "Schenley" in good physical condition. "Schenley" left, but he wasn't at all happy to go.

—Kay Hardy.

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EDITORIAL

CRY BABIES

The hue and cry set up in recent days by way of protest against further overseas services for some of the divisions which were in action in Europe is something new in our Army.

The action of some individuals in the divisions in appealing to the press with the implied intention of arousing public opinion is an outgrowth of the practice fostered to expand publicity, to advertise under any and all conditions, and the best public relations officer was and is the man who gets his outfit mentioned most frequently in the public prints.

As is to be expected, the published stories are lacking in the essential facts bringing about the decision of the War Department in selecting certain organizations for further overseas service. The reporter who picks up the story from an inadequate source does not worry too much about the facts; it could remove the news value.

The war is over now but there still remains important duties for which trained men are required. There are divisions in the Pacific which have been over there for three years or more. There is one excellent division which cleaned up on Attu and then went on—without protest—to render outstanding service in the Philippines. It will probably go on to Japan—and still without protest.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

When T/5th Gr. Gladys R. Forseth visited her husband at Camp Stoneman last week with her bright new stripes flashing from her sleeves, she was prepared to lord it over him a little, just for fun, since he was minus a rating.

Two days after Gladys got her rating, however, her husband too had been promoted, to corporal. Bunk mates are suggesting that the Army considerably arranged things to keep peace in the family.

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T/5th Gr. Thelma Rutkowski left early this week for a double reunion—with her fiancé, back from sea after his ship was hit by a suicide plane, and her brother, home from Texas where he was in an Army hospital.

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Pvt. Evelyn Wadsworth is back from a record 50-day furlough in Los Angeles with her husband, newly returned from the Pacific area. After they caught up on personal chatter, the conversation took a shop-talk twist. They compared notes on how the Army medics operate in the Persian Gulf and beside the Golden Gate; Evelyn is a medical technician and her soldier husband a scrub technician in the medics.

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T/5th Gr. Madeleine Bourque, who left the lab at LGH to work in the Oakland Regional Hospital a couple of weeks ago, is expecting to remain there although her Letterman partner, T/5th Gr. Malta Bengé, will be returning here.

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Pvt. Pat Stevens came back from

In the years ahead the men of that division will be rightfully proud of the achievements of that outfit. The men of many other divisions may also rest on their laurels—well merited.

It takes no seer to foretell in the years ahead that the divisions who have marred their records with the current hue and cry about wanting to stay home could be referred to—and not without reason—as the "Cry Babies."

And who could be proud of that title?



By Jeanne Riha

A tide of activity, following closely upon the end of organized warfare in the Pacific, swept over the nursing staff at LGH this week and was reflected in increased numbers of transfers and arrivals, in promotions and one discharge.

First Lieutenant Loretta B. Magee, who came to Letterman in July after more than two and a half years in British Guinea, left to join her husband, an Army major, in New Orleans and there to resume civilian life. She joined the Army three years ago this month.

First Lieutenant Marion K. Webster, recently returned to duty here following hospitalization at Hoff General, Santa Barbara, received her long awaited transfer to home territory in Massachusetts and left here Tuesday night. A member of the staff for about a year and a half, Lt. Webster had Pacific duty previously. She went to Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass., four miles from home.

From Fort Lewis to LGH came: First Lieutenants Muriel M. Taylor,

her 10-day furlough in Salt Lake City with an eye-blinding diamond and tentative plans for an early wedding.

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Six months to the day from the time they were sworn into the WAC, Ruby Guimont and Gladys Olson exchanged their private status for T/5th Gr.—on the day Japan's surrender was announced.

Others with a double reason for celebrating the big day are Dorothy Fitch, promoted from staff to tech sergeant, and the following new T/5th Grs.: Ossie Sides, Virda Shindorf, Eleanor Keys, Elma Cain, Irene Gulyas, Ruth Singerman, Ethel Anderson, Anna Andrae, Cecilia Bartoshevich, Agnes Ceryes.

Lorraine Cross, Bessie Ferro, Lorraine Higdon, Virginia Johnson, Lolita Balamboa, Manda Helgeson, Stella Messer, Dorothy Sheets, Gladys Forseth, Elizabeth Westberg, Rosetta Willmore, Ingrid Slaasted and Louise Matzek.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, August 26, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Mass daily at 1700.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Combat Award

Award of the first medical combat badge to be made through Letterman was conferred upon a medical officer, Captain Herman S. Maul, Monday afternoon. Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, LGH commanding general, presented the silver medal.

Captain Maul returned to the states last October and has been on staff eight months. Award of the medal came on his third anniversary in the Army.

The citation, read at the ceremony, praised the officer for his untiring efforts as battalion surgeon in the New Georgia campaign between July and November 1943.

Madeleine A. Tolman, Helen L. Zamary, Beatrice E. Tracey, Muriel F. Walker and Second Lieutenants Jean Cohen, Nathalie Fitzherbert, Helen Horoschak, Junitta Gibbs and Dorothy M. Gioielli.

Silver is being worn these days by seven LGH nurses, newly promoted from gold-bar status: Harriet E. Finch, Regina A. Burnett, Jo M. Rosendahl, Edith M. Richardson, Leonora E. Funseth, Barbara H. Hartman and Minnie M. Roberts.

First Lieutenant Mary L. Boggs, also newly promoted, left Letterman to join the hospital train unit at Madigan General.

To the 112th General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., went Second Lieutenants Mauddean Anderson, Doris L. Bailey, Sylva J. Lueking, Lana A. Giles, Joyce C. Wiley, Kathleen W. McKay, Anges L. Simpson and June F. VanNatter.

First Lieutenant Ann B. Bakalar, after a visit in San Francisco, has left for Camp Polk, La., where her unit is to be re-activated.

WAC OF THE WEEK



KAREN M. FULLER
Technician, 3rd Grade

From a life that has included experiences in no way serene—participation in two world wars and adjustment from life in England to that in America—T/3rd Gr. Karen M. Fuller has gained a great deal to have been able to achieve and maintain the serenity that keynotes her personality.

Her life began quietly enough in London where she grew up and entered nurses' training. While in training, war broke out and the short calm period of her life was over. She remembers the air raids that would become meagre things in a quarter century when people compared them with the second war's giant bombing expeditions. But in 1918 they were terrifying.

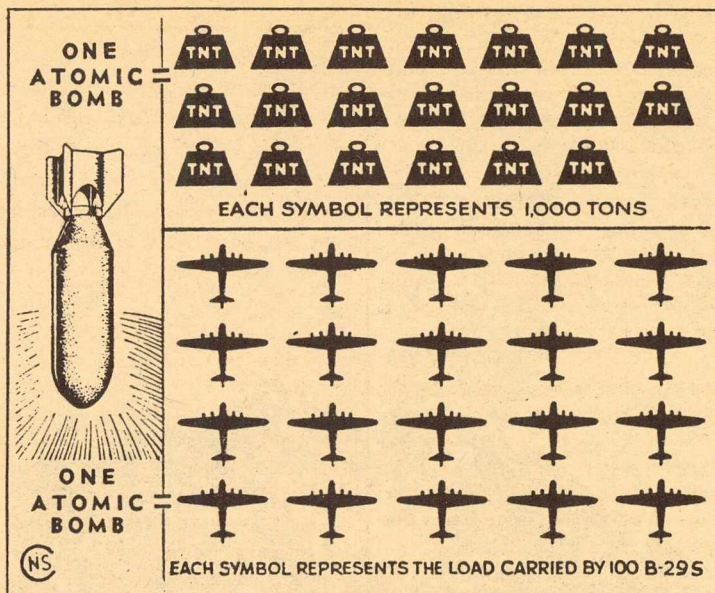
"When they had the first daylight raid, if I'd been two or three inches taller, I wouldn't be here now. I was out on the balcony getting the children into the hospital when the planes came over. A piece of shrapnel flew right over my head; it went through my cap, those tall nurses' caps we used to wear."

Thirteen days after the Armistice was signed, the English nurse was married—to a Yank soldier she had met a few months before on leave from a convalescent hospital. They came back to the United States to live, first in his home state of Kansas and later in California where three of their five children were born.

Directly or indirectly almost the whole Fuller family is in government service. Mr. Fuller came home to Stockton, Calif., in spring after 18 months' duty with the Army Transport Service.

One of their sons is in the Merchant Marine, the other in the Navy with Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet. A daughter was recently given a medi-

The Atomic Bomb—Latest Discovery In the Deadly History of Armaments



New York Times chart

A single plane can carry an atomic bomb—reported to weigh but 400 pounds—that has an explosive force equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT, which would require 2000 B-29s to transport.

New York (CNS)—The atomic bomb—most deadly explosive ever devised for war—is the result of a million years of progress in the fearful art of making arms. The history of armaments dates back into pre-historic times when men threw rocks at beasts, through the age when stone axes were used, when arrows were developed and catapults devised to hurl boulders at the foe.

The famed Greek historian Thucydides recalls the first use of poison gas in comparatively modern times in the battle of Plataea in 428 B.C. Catapults, hurling rocks and flames, antedated gas, however, by many centuries.

Gunpowder was developed by the Chinese in 1232 and put into practical use by Sir Francis Bacon, the Briton, somewhat

later. The torpedo began as an explosive charge as set by the patriots against the sides of British ships in 1777. In 1864 came the torpedo driven by compressed air and a few years earlier, the first iron-sided warship—Ericsson's famed "cheese box on a raft," the Monitor.

The rocket, outgrowth of the catapult, was used first by the British against a French ship at Boulogne in 1806. The rocket fell into disuse until World War I when it was redeveloped by the Germans whose V-1 and V-2 fire laid destruction over England. The American bazooka, the Jap Baka bomb and the airborne rockets of American and British bombers and fighters are other forms of rocket fire used in this war.

cal discharge from the Marines and another daughter is a steel expeditor at Kaiser Shipyards. The oldest daughter is a graduate student at the University of California.

Sometimes in slack moments the supervisor of Dante's receiving and evacuation office lets herself drift a little and dream about taking her family back with her to visit in England after the war. Most of all she wants to see London, bomb-wrecked though it might be. Even bombs can't blast memories.

ON THE SPOT



GERMAN L. DELGADO
Sergeant, Inf.

When the call came for volunteers to crawl forward under enemy fire and spot targets for mortar crews, Sgt. German L. Delgado of Converse, Tex., took a deep breath and stepped forward.

That was at Kakazu Ridge on Okinawa, where Jap machineguns had the 23-year-old veteran's 96th Infantry (Deadeye) Division rifle company stopped with a screen of murderous fire.

"The Japs had us held up in front of Kakazu," he recalled in an interview at Letterman, "and we could see them massing in a ravine for a counterattack. Our company commander said somebody had to go out to spot targets for our mortar crews.

"For a minute or so, nobody said a word. Then I decided it might as well be me, since I was a squad leader in the mortar section. A buddy stepped out with me, and said he'd go along so I wouldn't feel so lonesome.

"That's about all there was to it. We went out, and spotted the targets all right. Our mortars kept the Japs penned in the ravine, the riflemen moved up and slaughtered them. It was all over."

Sergeant Delgado, who received his basic training with the Deadeye Division at Camp Adair, Oregon, was wounded in the final assault on the forbidding, costly escarpment of Okinawa. He was hit in the left side by mortar shell fragments.

"It was pretty hot going that day," the mortarman said. "There was no medic near us, so a buddy of mine put on the bandage and helped me about 30 yards to the aid station."

The Texas sergeant, in addition to his Purple Heart, wears the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Philippine Liberation ribbon.

News From Home

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. Rebecca Jo Avalos, 22, has been married 5 times in 5 years, she admitted to a judge, but she isn't sure how many times it was legal. Her 3d annulment wasn't valid, for instance, because Hubby 3 never showed up in court. Marriage No. 3 wasn't legal, either, it turned out, because it was performed before annulment No. 2 became valid. The only thing she was sure about, in fact, was Marriage No. 5. "Oh, how I love that man!" said she.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Dudley H. Nowlin, a son, **Dudley Roy**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 13 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Paul G. Ewing, a son, **John Edward**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 13 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Erwin J. Mo-ger, a daughter, **Kristen Anne**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 17 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Herbert J. Freedman, a son, **Dennis J.**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 17 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles S. Gibson, a daughter, **Donna Rae**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 17 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Robert D. Buckley, a son, **Robert Francis**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 17 August.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Robert D. Lacey, a daughter, **Mary Elizabeth**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 17 August.

To Major and Mrs. Frederick Ehlers, a son, **Frederick Douglas**, weight 7 pounds, born 18 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, a daughter, **Elizabeth Louise**, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces, born 18 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Albert Clark, a daughter, **Heidi Jo**, weight 8 pounds, born 19 August.

To Major and Mrs. Harrison S. Payne, a son, **John Vincent**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 19 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. William Cooper, a son, **William Parker**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 19 August.

Just a Minute, Lady, We'll Get It for You

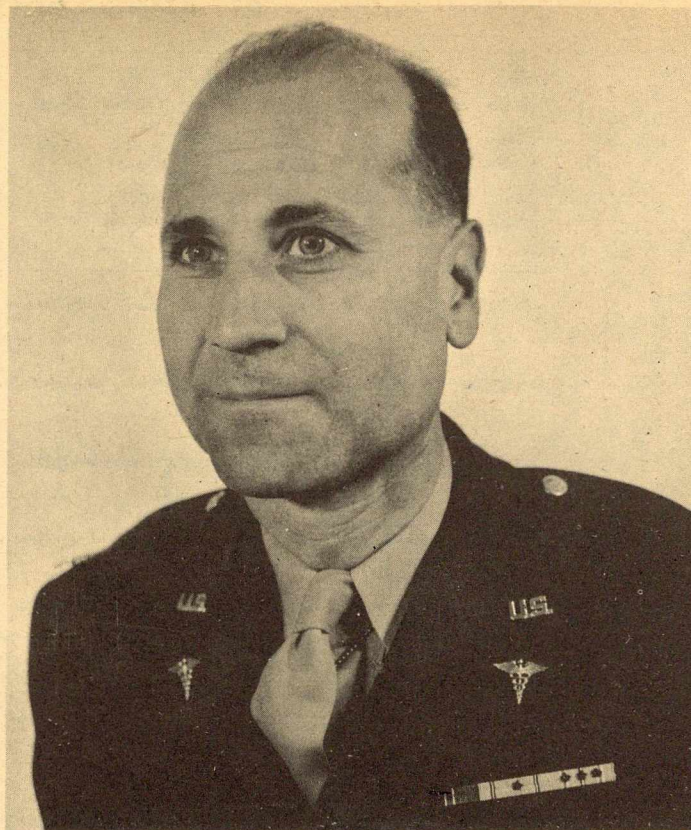
New York (CNS)—A woman who had just heard that Japan asked for peace telephoned the Associated Press.

"Is there anything to it?" she asked.

"It's merely a report by Domei," she was told.

"Oh," she replied, "can I have Domei's telephone number, please?"

NOTHING OPEN AROUND HERE NOW SINCE COLONEL GATES TOOK OVER



Colonel KERMIT H. GATES, M.C.,
Who has taken over several full time jobs on Letterman-staff.

Tall, Iowa-born Colonel Kermit H. Gates, MC, has started his Letterman career with a bang by being assigned, at one fell swoop, as officer in charge of the Reconditioning Division, and coordinator and supervisor of the Information and Education branch, library and 402nd WAC band.

But four years of medical administrative duties in the Pacific Ocean area and an additional 11 prewar years of Army service have fitted the colonel for even this crowded administrative curriculum.

The summer before war began, in July of 1941 to be exact, the colonel, then a major, and his wife and family left for the Hawaiian Islands where he was assigned, in the Pacific area headquarters at Oahu, as surgeon of the 24th Infantry Division. In February 1943 he became deputy surgeon for the Pacific Ocean area.

His job of planning and supervising the use of medical personnel in military operations took Colonel Gates through a regular guide-book full of Pacific islands and twice to

combat areas in the Marianas and Iwo Jima.

"I'd estimate that about a year out of my four in the Pacific was spent in trips and tours of duty on the islands," he explained.

With all the variety of travel and experience he has had in the last four years, Colonel Gates still believes the year 1930 was the biggest in his life.

"I got my MD from the University of Iowa medical school; I entered the Army, and I met my wife," he said, summing up the major events of that momentous year.

Other memorable dates are April 1943 when he was promoted from lieutenant colonel to full colonel; June 14 of this year when he returned to the states for reassignment, and August 13 when he reported for duty at Letterman.

California is a long way from Iowa but in coming here Colonel Gates feels that he is returning to a second home. Since they returned from Hawaii at the outbreak of war, his wife and four children have been living in Palo Alto. The colonel has

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: 1st Sgt. Kenneth C. Cobbins, S/Sgt. Mazimino R. Tabora and Pvt. Edwin H. Mangels.

Lucky GIs to be off to their homes during the week on furlough were: Pvts. Edward R. Valerien and Frank T. Colaizzo, each with 25 days; Cpl. Francis E. Hanlon, Harry L. Duke and Anthony J. Salvato, each with 23 days; M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz, T/Sgt. Vincent R. Cellucci, Sgt. Rex J. Barker, T/4th Gr. Harry Brix, T/4th Gr. Glenn A. Jukes, Cpl. Ray Kimbriel, T/5th Gr. Walter E. Graham, Pvts. Otto Casalegno, Ellis C. Thacker and Jack M. Godsey, each with 17 days; T/Sgt. Gordon W. Butts and Cpl. Leonard J. Gervais, each with 15 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Paul Katz back on duty in the Pharmacy after a furlough in his home town of Detroit, Michigan, where he really enjoyed himself.

S/Sgt. Robert J. Bement off to Virginia where he will once again take up his school books. This time studying Special Service work.

S/Sgt. John "Willie" Dean stepping into the shoes of M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz who is taking a few days off to go fishing.

Sgt. Warren Altman winning the three cushion billiard tournament last Friday afternoon when he defeated Cpl. Benjamin Weitz for the championship.

F/Sgt. Calvin D. Williams still trying to win a game of snooker from one of his own office personnel.

T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox forming a swimming club for the "Huskie" men of the detachment and naming the club "The Big Splashes."

Good luck to Sgt. Warren MacAlpine who was given a CDD and has now returned to civilian life.

M/Sgt. Charles Mehr dashing around the post looking like he might be working.

been spending much of his spare time commuting between there and Frisco and it is with a sigh of deep gratitude that he refers to the recent lifting of gas rationing.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen.

Back from her vacation in Carmel this week, **Esther Grobler** has a tan that is the envy of all the gals. Aquatic sports and horseback riding were her favorite pastimes while there. On the day that peace was declared, Esther was in the swimming pool at the crucial moment and said that they grabbed a towel and all went dripping into the lodge where they clustered around the radio to hear the latest word.

Lillian Jones also had a Carmel leave, adding another coat of tan. Jonesey went dancing every night and had breakfast in her room every morning, which has the old familiar ring of a pre-war vacation. She celebrated the peace at Pine Inn.

Agnes Cramer was at Lake Tahoe last week-end with friends and they, too, had a victory celebration.

From the Registrar's Office, **Lillian Taylor** has returned to duty. Lillian enjoyed a week at a lodge on the Eel River in the heart of the redwoods. The swimming was excellent and the scenery awe-inspiring.

The very best wishes of everyone at LGH go to **Clara Langston**, who was injured in a traffic accident on the surrender date. She is in the hospital now and we all hope that she'll have a speedy recovery and be back with us soon.

Those attractive **Sutherland** sisters, **Nancy** and **Jean**, are leaving us this week for New Haven, Conn., and we'll miss seeing them dashing up and down the ramps.

Ethel Failey is on duty again after resting and confining her activities to the Bay Area and **Bertha Bloomenthal** is still on leave in the mountains.

Jeanette Gardiner, back from La Jolla, tells us that she had a most enjoyable and profitable day at the Del Mar races. She owes it all to Sharecropper and Army Song, two horses who came through at the right time.

Betty Ann Strunk of Special Services went on a safari in the wilds around Alpine Lodge in Mill Valley last week-end. Not content with having hiked all over the mountain-side in the moonlight on Saturday night, they were up at dawn on Sunday and spent the day exploring further the wonders of nature. We received a negative reply to our query as to the stiffness of Betty's muscles. Ah, Youth!

MOS WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU IN THIS ARMY IF YOU STAY WITH IT



2nd Lieut. FRANCES M. PLEASANTS
Commanding Officer, 87th WAC Hospital Company

Army life for 2nd Lt. Frances M. Pleasants centers around an MOS of 861 (surgical technician), and how she never quite lived up to it. But it's a long and complicated story, so let's begin at the beginning.

That starts out at Richmond, Va., where Lt. Pleasants (who by the way, lives up to her name) was born. Here the Virginia lass lived the usual childhood and school years, and upon completion of high school went to work. Her first job was medical secretary to a doctor, then book-keeping in a clothing store, and finally long-distance telephone operator. It was from here in January of '43, that the brown-haired miss joined the WAAC, and thereby hangs the tale of MOS 861.

Upon completion of basic training at Daytona Beach, she was transferred to Philadelphia with the Coast Artillery. She stayed there the greater part of a year, doing clerical work, and earning a T/5th Gr. rating. During this time, she was selected for surgical technician training,

and October of '43 found her at Hot Springs, Ark., acquiring the precious MOS of 861.

Once acquired, she hopped back to Philadelphia for her assignment. She knew they had a station dispensary there, and she could see herself scrubbing instruments, etc. But no, not yet. So she went back to clerical work—this time working in the dispensary as medico-stenographer. When her CO put in for her rating, it was disapproved with the following remark: "Nothing in T/O calls for surgical technician!"

Our clerical WAC with the 861 MOS was stymied. But not for long. Just about that time, the company disbanded and she was sent to Oglethorpe for reassignment. This time she knew she would live up to that MOS or else. It was else—and clerical work again, only on the opposite coast in the station hospital at Camp Abbot, Oregon.

Six weeks passed, and then the camp was moved to Ft. Lewis, Wash. Once again, Fran got her chance.

MORE ABOUT GEN. MORGAN HERE

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derbilt University. He was made Professor of Medicine there in 1935, which position he held until February of '42, when he was commissioned in the Medical Corps in the grade of full colonel. He went to duty in the Surgeon General's Office, and was promoted to brigadier general seven months later, September of the same year.

Forgetting his work and rank, the most impressive thing about the white-haired general is his height. He towers above the rest of humanity at something like six feet and four inches. In his sunbats, he made an impressive picture as he rose to conclude the interview.

"I would like to end on this note. To all those men and women in the Medical Department, who are thinking of returning to civilian life, I want them to bear in mind Kipling's thought—"it's not only important to do the job well, but to finish it in style!"

You're right, she missed it—and wound right back up in clerical work in the physiotherapy section of the station hospital. In August, it was converted into what is now Madigan General, and 30 days later, she was pulled out of office work since her MOS read surgical technician.

Finally her 861 had caught up with her! Happily she packed her bags and trotted off to Camp Beale, Calif. On the way, she dreamed of white sheets, surgical knives, and the smell of anesthesia. When she arrived, they put her to work as bookkeeper for the mess officer.

By now, Fran was reconciled, and when five months later, she was offered a chance at OCS, she took it. Upon graduation, she was assigned to the Corps of Engineers and sent to San Francisco as Military Personnel Officer with the Pacific Division of Engineers.

But though Fran had become reconciled, the Army hadn't. And when they discovered her medical background, she was shifted to Letterman and made CO of the 87th WAC Hospital Company.

Now the blue-eyed, smiling WAC is living up to her name and MOS, if only by proxy. For every day she administers to an entire barracks of technicians, many of whom are 861's.

251,424 GI Dead In World War II

Washington (CNS)—It will be a long time before the cost of World War II is computed, but approximate figures today indicate the terrible toll.

Total combat casualties, according to the most recent Army-Navy announcement, were 1,068,215, of which 251,424 are deaths. AEF casualties in the last war were 260,296, of which some 50,000 were fatalities.

Battle deaths among our allies runs higher. The USSR took the worst beating, with 5,530,000 battle dead. Other figures: China: 1,500,000; British Empire: 337,000; France: 33,000.

Civilian casualties are harder to estimate. Fifty thousand civilians were killed by Nazi bombs in England, not including the victims of the V-weapons. How many women and children died in the indiscriminate bombing of Rotterdam and other cities, how many lives were wiped out in the Nazi advances and later in their retreats in Poland and Russia, how many perished in concentration camps and crematories, may never be known.

The monetary cost to the U. S. of this war is set at \$300,000,000,000, 10 times that of the last conflict. This figure made it possible for the government to spend money where it would save a life. Secretary Morgenthau, in his final report, said: "The U. S. has never spared an opportunity to reduce the human cost of war at the expense of increasing its money cost."

Jap General to Write His Memoirs for U. S.

Stockholm (CNS)—Gen Makoto Onodera, military attache of the Jap legation in Sweden, already has his post-war plans mapped out.

Asked what he planned to do after the war, the Jap general replied:

"I'll write my memoirs. Do you think there would be a market for them in the United States?"

Civilians May Get 1/2 Million Cars This Year

Washington (CNS)—At least 500,000 automobiles can be built this year for civilian use, a local source has estimated. By next year, the same source said, auto production may exceed the pre-war output of 4,000,000 a year.

Job Study Begun

Washington (CNS)—Members of the Senate Finance Committee and the Banking and Currency Committee rushed back to Washington during recess to study unemployment compensation and the full employment bill.

U. S. Faces Problem of Disarming 4 Million Japs in Pacific, Asia

Washington (CNS)—High on the Allied list of problems on what to do about Japan is the demilitarization of the country. Seizure of all enemy weapons will be no small task, for our foe in the East is estimated to have armies of 4,000,000 which are intact, untouched by the war except for aerial bombardment.

These troops extend from the enemy-held Marshalls and Carolines through the Dutch East Indies, British Borneo, Malaya, Thailand, Formosa, and parts of China and Manchuria. And, of course, the Jap armies in the homeland, well-equipped soldiers many of whom have not engaged in fighting, must also be disarmed.

Reports in diplomatic circles indicate that a plan similar to that for the occupation of Germany will be employed in the Far East. Presumably, Japanese territory will be divided up and forces from each of the victorious allies sent to maintain order, enforce the terms of the armistice, and see to it that the war lords responsible for Japanese aggression don't start anything.

A war crimes commission will make a decision as to which enemy war criminals should be held for trial. If our experience with the Nips so far proves anything, however, suicides may simplify the work of this commission.

Occupation of Japan presents a different problem than that of Germany, in that the latter had the raw materials for the production of war materials within her boundaries, whereas, all of

Japan's oil, and much of her coal, iron, aluminum, and related materials had to be imported. Therefore, blockade of some kind, to control the importation of materials which might be used by Japan to resurrect her war machine, would appear to be in order.

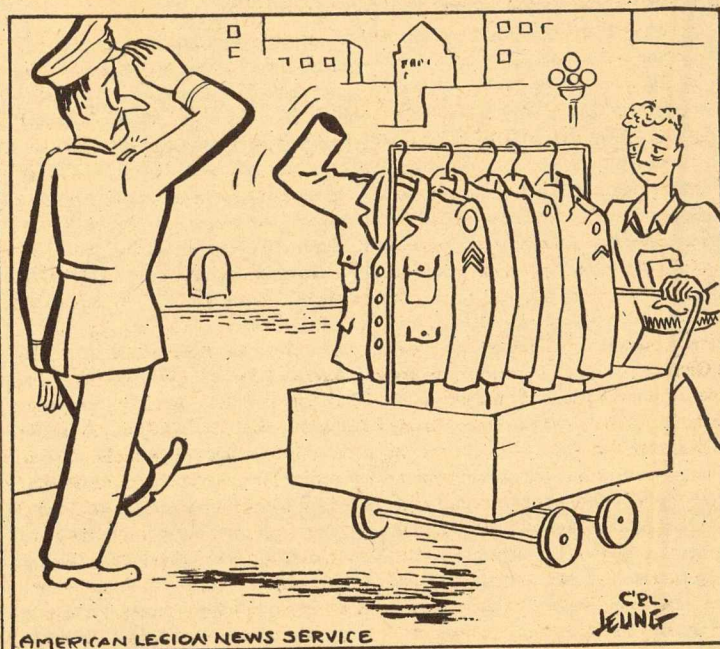
Some experts envisage trouble from Jap civilians. A Jap who lived in Tokyo for 24 years, and is now an adviser of one of our most important government agencies, told CNS that civilian men might harass our occupation forces in the name of the emperor, and with the usual Japanese indifference to death. Such men, he declared, might consider themselves responsible for defeat and the accompanying loss of prestige by the emperor, and would therefore try to make amends by suicide attacks on our forces.

No such treachery is to be expected from Jap women, who are thorough-going homebodies, according to the CNS informant.

Some of the details of the occupation problems will be worked out, it is anticipated, by the Council of Foreign Ministers, established at Potsdam.

750,000 Krauts Get Out

Berlin (CNS)—More than 750,000 German soldiers have been demobilized into civilian jobs, according to an announcement here. The demobilization move was made in an attempt to restore some form of farm, mine and civil service stability to German life.



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS SERVICE

Japs Revere Hirohito As 'God on Earth'

By Camp Newspaper Service

A man named Hirohito is the Emperor of Japan. But—in the eyes of the Japanese he is neither a man nor a ruler. To his subjects, he is a spiritual symbol in which center the energy, loyalty and morality of the people.

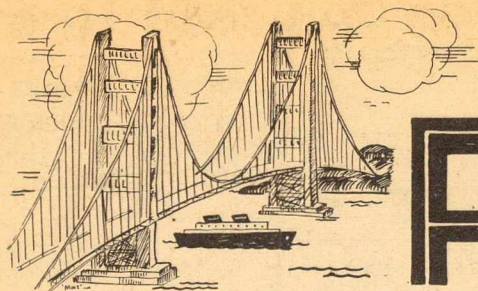
To the fighting Chinese, Hirohito is a war criminal. To most Americans he is an ineffectual little man on a white horse. But to 100 million Japs he is "God on Earth," the high priest of Shinto and the subject of a reverence incomprehensible to the western mind. The soldiers who assaulted Pearl Harbor, Manila and Singapore fought in his name. The soldiers who killed themselves on Attu, Saipan and Iwo Jima did so with a "Banzai!" for him on their lips. He is the physical incarnation of their state. He is Japan.

Who is this man?

In the first place, he's the latest in line in the oldest continuous dynasty in the world. He's a direct descendant of Jimmu Tenno, Japan's first ruler who began his reign some time in the 6th century BC. Jimmu's house, although often reduced to poverty and subservience to the state, has been the "House of Heaven" in Japan ever since. Hirohito is the 124th ruler in that line.

Like his ancestors, Hirohito was drilled as a child for his role as spiritual and temporal ruler of Japan. He attended the School of Peers, where he learned the art of ruling. Yet—despite his training—he has never had much ruling to do. The Japs regard their Emperor as being above politics. The governing of the nation is left to military and industrial cliques, which are constantly bickering for power. The Emperor—mystic leader of Jap ancestor worshipers—leads a cloistered life and is rarely seen by his subjects.

The Emperor idea has been one of the key concepts of the 1300 years of recorded Jap political history. On rare occasions in the past, he has wielded real political power. Most of the time he has been but a figurehead—the tool of the oligarchy. But always the Emperor has served as a link between the people and their government with the sanctity surrounding his position a defense for any manipulations the government made. Thus Japan is the only major power which in our times combined modern military and industrial methods with religious and political ideas inherited from the ages of unrecorded time.



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Letterman Patients Entertained by John Charles Thomas

John Charles Thomas, famous baritone of opera, radio, stage and screen, gave his usual masterful performance when he sang for Letterman patients and personnel Monday afternoon in the YMCA.

Mr. Thomas, accompanied by a trio of top-notch radio and screen entertainers, stopped at the hospital for nearly three hours. During this time, they met Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, graciously posed for Army photographers, and then adjourned to the YMCA where they staged more than an hour-and-a-half show.

Singing such favorites as "Invictus," "Lindy Lou" and Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," the deep-voiced star was greeted with loud applause by the OD audience.

But his was not the only applause. For with him were Bernice Wedemeyer, violinist in the Westinghouse orchestra, Madeline Miller, coloratura soprano, and Roy Atwell, that funny man of screen and radio, who never gets anything right the first time.

Miss Wedemeyer proved her ability when she brilliantly performed an Hungarian gypsy number, Fritz Kreiler's "Londonderry Air," and the haunting "Ghost Dance." Miss Miller followed the feminine violinist by singing an aria from "La Tosca" and then joining Mr. Thomas in Sigmund Romberg's "Sweetheart."

The program took a humorous turn when Mr. Atwell told his highly-confused version of the bedtime story—"Little Red Riding Hood."

The famous party were met and escorted by Col. Kermit H. Gates, Chief of Reconditioning, and Maj. Roberto Escamilla, ward officer and former bass player for Ted Lewis.



JOHN CHARLES THOMAS

Receiving the greetings of the Commanding General on the occasion of his visit to entertain the Letterman patients.

Bataan Veteran Receives Purple Heart Award

Sgt. Rufus H. Turnbow, one of the famed defenders of Corregidor and a prisoner of the Japanese for 33 months, Wednesday morning received the Purple Heart medal from Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman, in his office.

The LGH patient spoke with ad-

miration of newly-liberated Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, recalling how the American commander had once visited his coast artillery outfit and, in the midst of a Jap air raid, stood around talking and passing out cigarettes. "That's what the guys liked about General Wainwright; he didn't think he was too good to talk to any rank."

Here's Lowdown On Demobilization

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Four million men—about 2,500,000 from Europe and 1,500,000 from the Pacific—will be returned to the U.S.A. by next June 30 for discharge.

In addition, fresh troops are going out to relieve the veterans of occupation duties.

That's the word from Gen. Brehon Somervell, CG, ASF, whose job it is to demobilize the Army. "Our objective," said he, "is speed—our watchword economy."

Right now the Army is deployed approximately as follows: Europe, 2,700,000 men; Pacific and Far East, 1,800,000; U. S., 2,750,000; elsewhere, 190,000; in transit, 500,000. Total, 8,000,000 men.

Gen. Somervell said that five new separation centers—Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; Ft. Custer, Mich.; Ft. Riley, Kas.; Camp Wolters, Texas, and Camp Haan, Calif.—will be added soon to the 22 already operating to speed the demobilization of 5,000,000 men in the next 12 months.

The general said that the present plan is to leave about 400,000 troops as occupational forces in Europe with the remainder to be returned as speedily as possible. The size of the occupational army in Japan and the Pacific islands has not as yet been revealed, but some sources place the figure at 1,000,000 men.

As soon as the situation in Japan is stabilized it is expected that General MacArthur will make known his needs for the Army of Occupation over there, and that in turn will permit an official announcement on the method and manner of release of men and women now in the armed forces.

A reduction in the number of points to be required for separation is anticipated at the same time.

Invention of Local Officer a Valuable Aid to Sick

Let's say there's a movie scheduled for patients on Ward E-1 today, in broad daylight. The California sun is streaming in through the windows. Nurses, wardmen and Wacs set the beds and wheelchairs of the patients into line, facing one end of the ward. No one comes in to put up a movie screen. There is no table for a movie projector. No one even bothers to pull down the blinds; the California sun streams in unchecked.

Through the door comes an attendant pushing something on wheels—a large white box looking for all the world like a glorified refrigerator. On one side in large letters is **Army Pictorial Service**. Door flaps at one end of the big white box are opened and the show begins. And while the patients look on, nurses and Wacs go about their business on the ward, in broad daylight.

It will be the "Groverscope," newest portable mobile device for projecting sound motion pictures in hospital wards. And it was designed right here at the Presidio by Chief Warrant Officer Garrison P. Grover, officer in charge of the 9th Service Command photographic laboratory.

The only one of its kind in existence, the "Groverscope" was assembled by the local installation of the 9th Service Command Signal Office, under Mr. Grover's direction, and flown back to the Army Pictorial Service Conference (July 30-Aug. 1, at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, to be viewed by representatives of the Surgeon General's Office as well as the Chief Signal Officer, Major General H. C. Ingles.

During a recent demonstration on one of the surgical wards at Letterman General Hospital the "Groverscope" was loudly applauded by an audience of patients and hospital officials, including Brig. General Charles C. Hillman.

Wholeheartedly enthusiastic about the new device is Major Thomas D. Claggett, Signal Corps, Chief of the Army Pictorial Branch, Service Command Signal Office, who accompanied Mr. Grover to the Conference and helped demonstrate its advantages.

Major Claggett predicts a future wherein the "Groverscope" will be used not only in hospitals, during the war, but long after the war, in veterans' facilities, in schools, large factories and even in the homes.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

"In the name of the Medical Department and as a member of the ASF team, I want to take this opportunity with victory over Japan and final defeat of the Axis powers accomplished to congratulate all of you on the admirable manner in which your job has been done and to express to you my personal thanks for your loyalty, devotion and efficient execution of your mission. Your untiring and unselfish efforts have made possible the eminent record of the Medical Department in this war, a record which in scope and achievement is unsurpassed in military medical annals. I would have you realize that I feel your efforts have been directly responsible for the low mortality and morbidity which our armies have suffered. Our task is not finished. Our hospital work load will be at its peak level for months to come, and we will be driven to the utmost to speed the demobilization of our fighting men. That the Army may count on your continued loyal support until our duty has been completely discharged, I have no question."

NORMAN T. KIRK
Major General,
The Surgeon General

"This device will answer a long-felt need, that is, a method of showing pictures to bed patients without smothering them to death by lowering the window shades, lowering the windows and darkening the room," said Major Claggett. "It might be called a 'daylight projector.' It is really a small-sized theatre turned inside out. You bring the show to the patients, instead of bringing the patients to the show. The device also contains a microphone attachment for lecturing purposes and a turn-table for playing disc records 'between reels.'"

Major Claggett hastens to explain that the "Groverscope" is intended in no way as a replacement for the Mills Panoram Juke Box now in production for distribution to all general hospitals. Rather, it will supplement the Juke Box. It has one decided advantage, however, over any other type of projection device built, he emphasizes; it can use any standard 16mm projector, and it can use an unlimited number of film subjects. Movie program can be continuous or selective, according to the demands of the particular audience.

The "Groverscope" is six feet high, six feet long and 34 inches wide, narrow enough to enter the standard three-foot door. The upper half of one end contains the plastic screen enclosed in flap doors, the lower half the sound box and loud speaker. Elimination of the old type outside screen and darkened room is made possible by the use of mirrors (three of them) which pro-

ject the picture through a two-inch lens. The mirrors reduce the length of the projection necessary to the length of the six-foot unit itself.

While Letterman General Hospital will make use of the Pilot Model, before the "Groverscope" can go into production as a standard item, it will have to be submitted to Photographic Engineering and Research Laboratories of the Army Pictorial Service for final design and approval.

Mr. Grover, the designer, before enlisting in the Army in March of 1941, was a commercial photographer in Minneapolis. Stationed first at Camp Roberts he came to the Presidio, then served at Fort Douglas, before returning to the Presidio. He invented the Grover View Camera, capable of all kinds of contortions in view finding, and also patented an automatic "electric eye" printer suitable for mass production of prints. The "Groverscope" movie projector is the result of many months of experimentation in this field.

Typing Class

A new typing class for Lettermen duty personnel and patient will open at 6:30 p. m. Monday in Bldg. 85 of the Presidio. Classes, which will run for six weeks, will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday for six weeks. They are being sponsored by LGH information and education branch which will give further information and accept enrollments.

Projected Books Bring New Life to Helpless Patients

Projected books for bed-ridden GIs may not be the most impressive triumph in therapeutic medicine, but to the helpless veteran it is as vital as Braille is to the blind, according to an article in the September issue of CORONET magazine. For the first time in medical history, it is possible for an almost totally immobilized man to read unassisted.

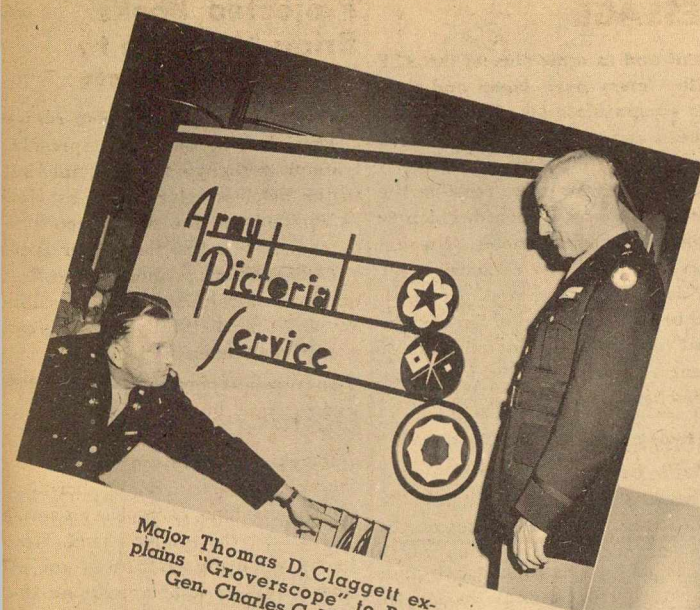
They call it Projected Books. It's a good name, but a little misleading. It isn't a book. It's a machine, a simple kind of lantern slide affair. The nurse inserts a roll of microfilm into the machine, then places a small panel under the soldier's hand. First there's a button to turn it on. A square space of light appears on the ceiling directly above the patient's head. Then he presses the next button and into the square of light moves the first page of "Superman Comics" or whatever he chooses to read. And from his bed, flat on his back, moving nothing but the fingers of his hand he can read, stop or re-read any passages he wants.

Projected Books is the idea of a man named Eugene B. Power. Power dreamed up Projected Books partly because he once spent weeks in a hospital bed himself, and partly because his business is microfilms. He remembered what a tough job it had been for him to hold a book when he was prone, and how slowly long hours passed when he couldn't read. The whole project is just starting, and there are only a handful of machines in use. But six more are in work, and there are plans for making 1,500 of them just as fast as production facilities permit.

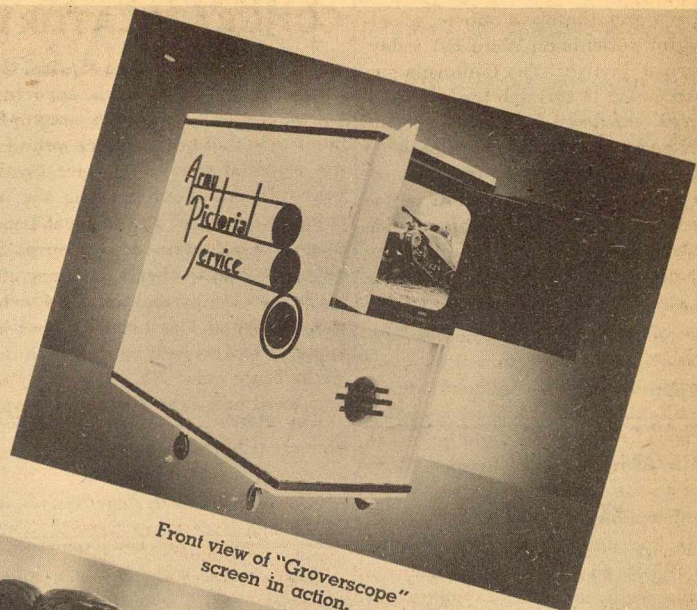
In the Percy Jones General and Convalescent Hospital in Battle Creek there is a man who was wounded in France. For 10 months he had been unable to look at anything but the ceiling. They didn't tell him about Projected Books beforehand, but simply put the machine on the floor beside his bed. They asked him how he would like to read a book. He frowned. "How would I like to get out of here?" After a few experimental moments of pressing buttons he decided that it wasn't a gag, and turned to the first

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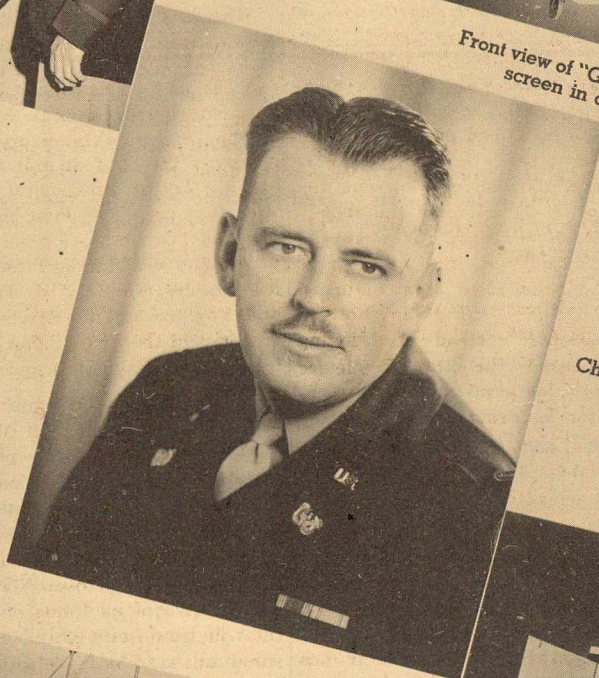
CWO Grover Really Has Something in the 'Groverscope'



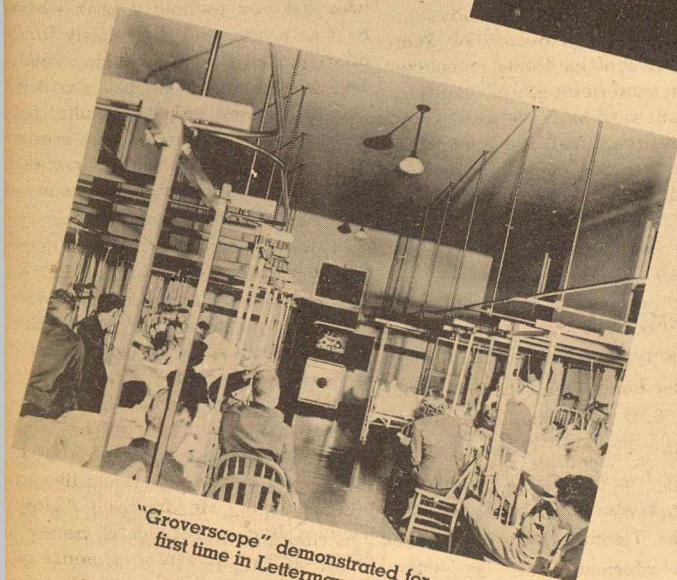
Major Thomas D. Claggett explains "Groverscope" to Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman



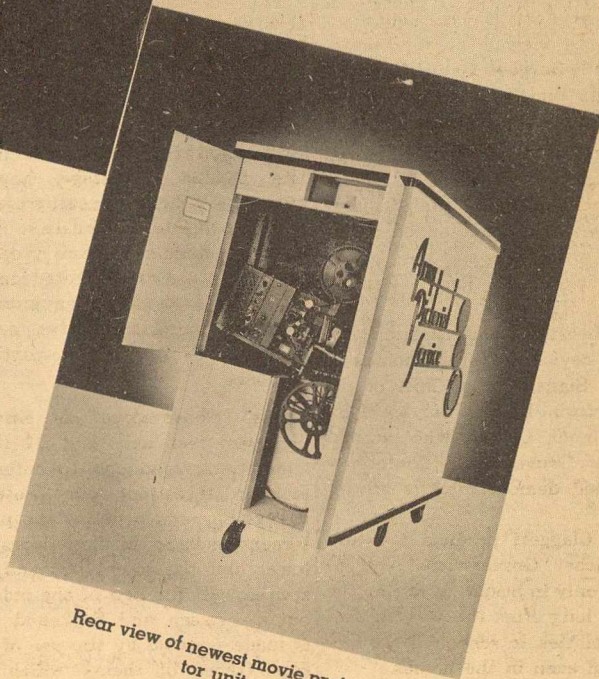
Front view of "Groverscope" screen in action.



Chief Warrant Officer Garrison P. Grover---inventor.



"Groverscope" demonstrated for first time in Letterman ward.



Rear view of newest movie projector unit.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WAITING

With the whole country anxiously awaiting details in connection with the return of the prisoners liberated from Japanese camps the staff at Letterman is making preparations to receive those who will come back on a patient status.

According to official announcement in the press there will be a preliminary medical screening of all liberated personnel at the hospitals in the Philippines prior to resuming the journey back to the home land. Air transportation will be used where circumstances indicate that mode of travel as the best for the individual.

It was the privilege of the staff at Letterman to assist in the home coming of the prisoners liberated from Cabanatuan and Bilibid, as well as the nurses freed from Santo Tomas internment camp, and the manner in which all were cared for here merited official commendation from the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, and the Surgeon General of the Army.

The directive containing the instructions for the reception of liberated personnel designates Letterman as one of the hospitals to perform for those about to return and with the experience gained during the past year in caring for the cases of that kind it is anticipated that a program will be arranged for the speedy and efficient processing of all who return in



Sgt. Herman Gai released from patient status and convalescing from what is reported to be the bite of a fish.

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Captain Mary Elizabeth Tyrrell and 1st Lieut. Joan Reidy trying to promote a joint birthday party next week for themselves, but 1st Lieuts. Rebecca Amend and Regina Burnett showing no interest.

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Kay Hardy back from Hollywood and breathless as usual.

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Captain Elizabeth MacDonald, on an official visit from Service Command headquarters, and accompanied by her husband. It used to be the other way 'round.

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New chevrons on our staff members—T/3rd Grade for Marie E. Field and T/4th Grade for Jeanne Riha. Congratulations.

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The ultimate in surnames—Pfc. Aloysius Zyzak—patient on K-1. No trouble in finding his name on any roster or his place on any pay line.

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First Lieut. Phyllis Arnold Iacobucci, one time "Angel of Bataan" and now with the Air Evacuation Service, dropping in to visit with some old friends.

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A letter from Major Lester J. Sawyer, long time Lettermanite, now with the 51st General Hospital at Fort William McKinley, in Rizal, Philippines. He remembers us. all with affection.

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Still another Bataan "Angel" joining us for duty—1st Lieut. Geneva Jenkins, of Jones Cove, Tenn. And welcome.

need of medical or surgical care.

The Commanding General has alerted his staff for the duties that lie ahead and every comfort will be provided for the officers and men who have spent these long years in enemy hands.

A personal welcome awaits them.



By Marie Field

Declaration of Peace was signal for a veritable nurse invasion at LGH, the past week, bringing 15 new nurses to the staff, with only one loss by transfer.

Canadian born First Lieutenant Elsie "Peggy" Rogers, wearing four bronze stars on an Asiatic ribbon, two stars on her Philippine Liberation ribbon, turned up August 24, with memories of 100,000 miles on the Pacific aboard the hospital ship Tasman.

Hitting Australia July 23, 1942, Lt. Rogers was nurse in charge of the operating room on the ship, which picked up casualties from battles all along the line from New Guinea to the Philippines. Her itinerary also included the Netherlands East Indies, the North Solomons, as well as South Philippines and Luzon.

Often within gun range of the enemy, Lt. Rogers witnessed some of the most bitter battles of the Pacific from the deck of the Tasman.

Before entering the Army in June of 1941, "Peggy" was a member of the California State Board of Nurse Examiners and her home is Sacramento.

Back from duty in England and France came 2nd Lt. Rose Abramson, University of California graduate, to join LGH staff on August 23. While calling Long Island City her home, Lt. Abramson not only acquired a Nursing Certificate and A.B. degree at California, but she served at Dibble General Hospital and Hammond General Hospital in California before going overseas.

The real invasion came August 28 when 10 nurses, all wearing furlough tans, ETO ribbons and the new VE Service Forces Victory patch (lightning breaking the chains of slavery) stormed the PRO office at one time.

Among them were 1st Lts. Margaret Shea, Woodside, N. Y.; Lorene Campbell, Philadelphia; Jane Quigley, Manville, N. J., and Florence Kelvasa of Pine Island, N. Y., who were on duty at the 121st General Hospital in Braintree, Essex County, England, when it was bombed during the Little Blitz. Although a bomb

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 2, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Mass daily at 1700.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Obituary---

MRS. CARL F. STEINHOFF

A message from Chicago brings the announcement of the death of Mrs. Carl F. Steinhoff in that city on 11 August after a long illness. Mrs. Steinhoff was a former resident of San Francisco. Her husband, Colonel Carl F. Steinhoff, Medical Corps, was a member of the Letterman staff prior to going overseas to the Pacific theater of operations.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Steinhoff is survived by her daughter, Lois, and her sister, Mrs. Marion Harman, a member of the Red Cross clerical staff at Letterman.

made a direct hit, completely destroying eight wards containing 150 patients, there were few casualties, the most serious being a fractured leg.

Second Lieutenant Mary Ellen Koontz of New Alexandria, Pa., who served with the 41st Evacuation Hospital in France, went in on the Normandy Beachhead five days after D-Day, was always on duty several miles behind the front lines.

The rest of the ETO Victory Patch wearers reporting Tuesday are: 1st Lts. MaBelle L. Porter, Phoenixville, Pa.; Rose Penoncello, Waterbury, Conn.; Gladine S. Freedline, Reynoldsville, Pa.; 2nd Lt. Edna L. Young, Cincinnati, Ohio and 1st Lt. Sheila O'Leary.

From Madigan General Hospital came 2nd Lt. Grace C. Loehde and 1st Lt. Julian E. Schano from Redistribution Station at Santa Barbara on August 24, while on the same day 1st Lt. Marion K. Webster was transferred to Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, Mass.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY JANE MAYTHAM
T/5th Gr.

Bright, breezy Mary Jane Maytham, new addition to the physiotherapy section, casually describes her life as "uneventful" and then goes on to prove, unintentionally, that it has been anything but that.

The newly appointed T/5th Gr. has lived in the far east and far west—Pennsylvania, New York and California; she attended 11 different high schools, took a two-month professional writing course at Columbia University during a pre-Army vacation and she was one of 30 WAC applicants selected from 60 to take an Army physiotherapy course.

Last—and foremost—Mary Jane is about to be married to a soldier whom she knew through mutual friends in Philadelphia, met again by chance in the "Y" two days after V-J day and became engaged that same afternoon. Such are the dim highlights of the uneventful life of Cpl. Maytham.

When the conversation can be steered away from the prospective bridegroom and towards the prospective bride, a careful listener can discover that Mary Jane is taking a USAFI college placement test in preparation for college work with physiotherapy as her major.

College plans, however, are playing second fiddle to wedding plans definitely set for September 15 in the Presidio post chapel.

Mary Jane is much more willing to talk about Cpl. Harry O'Neill Campbell than herself. He has been at Fort Scott since June, saw two years' service in the Pacific and holds the Purple Heart and Bronze Star awards.

"We both got our ratings the same day, yesterday," Cpl. Maytham said, still thrilled over the pleasant first experience of hearing herself called corporal.

LOANS TO VETERANS WILL BE MADE ON STRICTLY BUSINESS-LIKE BASIS

The GI loan for veterans is not a "government hand-out," but a well-investigated, carefully executed business proposition, according to an article in the September issue of CORONET magazine. And the vet who starts a new business must know his facts before he sits down to talk to the U. S. Government and a national bank.

The government loans for veterans who have served as much as 90 day in active service on or after September 16, 1940, can be obtained from a lending source. The Veterans' Administration will guarantee any part of an approved loan up to 50 per cent of the money borrowed as long as the total does not go over \$2000. The money may be borrowed for only three purposes: to build, buy, repair or alter to improve a home; to buy a farm, or farm equipment to be operated by the veteran; to purchase a business, business property, or equipment for use in operation of the business in which the veteran is himself employed. The rate of interest may not be more than four per cent, and the money must be repaid in a maximum of 20 years.

One returned veteran decided to go into the meat business. He needed the GI loan. He learned quickly that Uncle Sam is a very careful guarantor and that no one was going to give him anything because he was a veteran. Fortunately, his local bank had an understanding credit manager. He investigated any doubt but he also put a lot of faith in character and knew how to judge it. The veteran and his partner had gone to the trouble of estimating exactly what they thought the initial start would cost. They had also lined up seven customers who would buy from them. Then they started on a round of government agencies to obtain priorities for a truck and gasoline. The

"When he gets discharged, we'll either go to Panama where he has the offer of an engineering job or else go back east." Finished relating the events that have happened to her since coming to Letterman July 27 and before, Mary Jane looked up rather surprised and repeated thoughtfully, "An interesting life? Well, I never thought much about it before but I guess I have had."

Office of Defense Transportation heard the story and agreed to give him a Certificate of War Necessity for the truck. The Office of Price Administration gave him a gasoline allowance 'after the usual 50 questions.'

Then came the Interstate Commerce Commission who gave him an eye-opener course in the difference between running a truck for hire, and operating it as a businessman. Back to the bank with clearance on everything but the loan. Now the bank wanted to know: how much business would he do a year, gross? How much of it would be profit? What would the operation of the truck cost, how much for rent, how much for gasoline, tires, oil, grease? They wanted an itemized list. After he rendered his detailed accounting the bank wanted his discharge papers. Meanwhile, his past was being investigated. Had he borrowed any money before? Did he owe anything? The bank contacted the Associated Retail Credit Men of Washington to investigate him.

After his record was cleared, he had to present to the bank his priority for the truck and all the data concerning its purchase and insurance. After more details were cleared all the papers were sent to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation where after "10 men asked more questions than you ever answered before" the loan was finally put through.

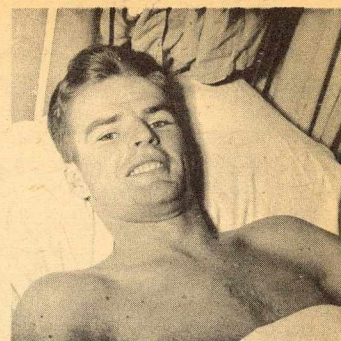
'It sounds pretty rugged, the veteran confessed, "when you go into details like that but it's not only worth the trouble—it's educational." If a veteran sticks with it day after day doing exactly what he is told and doing it to the best of his ability, it shouldn't take more than a month and a half to get it, concludes CORONET.

Taro Takes Off

First Lieutenant Alfred L. Taro, MAC, who has been aide-de-camp to the commanding general here, left today for his new station at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation where he will be assigned to a hospital ship platoon.

Lieut. Taro has been at Letterman for the past two years and was the assistant adjutant prior to his designation as the first aide-de-camp.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN D. PETERJOHN
Private First Class

During the last days of the fighting on Luzon, says Pfc. John D. Peterjohn of Cleveland, Ohio, Infantry patrolling sometimes was more perilous inside your own lines than behind the enemy's.

"The Japs would slip in around and behind us sometimes," the handsome, 20-year-old veteran recalled regarding the desperate fighting in Balete Pass, where it took the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) Division about two months to punch 60 miles through intricate Japanese mountain defenses.

Pfc. Peterjohn, who is back in the states for treatment of a leg wound received in the battle for the pass, was overseas 18 months.

"Our job was to go out through the Jap lines to see what we could see," he explained. "We traveled in small groups of five and six, and the idea was to get out and back without stirring up a fight if we could. We were after information, not a fight."

"Of course, we were ambushed once in a while. I remember one time not long before I was wounded. Six of us were caught in a little gully by about a dozen Japs who popped out of holes all around us.

"Four of us scrambled out at once, but two Filipino guerrillas stayed in until they found out how many Japs there were. Then we went back in and killed five of them. The rest scattered."

In addition to wearing the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Philippine Liberation ribbon, Pfc. Peterjohn has the Purple Heart for wounds received when the Japanese exploded an ammunition dump hidden in a mountain cave. Although he was more than 200 yards from the hill, he was struck by flying rocks, and his left leg was broken.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

T/5 Patricia Quinn's 80-year-old grandmother, who got her first glimpse of a WAC barracks last week when she visited her granddaughter's quarters, cast a quick but very thorough look around and gave the verdict, "Very neat." Pat's sister, Mickey, and her brother-in-law also visited here.

Six WACs, chosen for their knowledge of comptometry, packed lightweight cases and took off by plane Sunday night for Oregon where they will be on temporary duty. They are S/Sgt. Mary E. Chamberlain, T/4 Hazel Robinson, T/5 Irmgard Bishop, T/5 Ruth M. Bott and T/5 Juanita V. Ragsdale.

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Barracks Banter—The upper bunks that used to be scattered around a couple of the barracks have been moved out, to the accompanying cheers of lower bunk occupants. "You can see to the other end of the barracks now," one WAC quipped.

Anyone rash enough to try to get a quick 40 winks in lower 213 is running a risk these days. T/5 Marge Fiddament tried it and awoke with a "death tag," morgue specialty, tied securely to a right toe. She is trying to prove the falsity of the accusation.

Immense bunches of flowers and tons of gardenias—floating in the inverted cover of a GI can—were the YMCA's week-end contributions to the day room.

A wedding that came as a surprise to all but a few of her closest barracks chums took place early this week when T/4 Ruth Godwin was married to a vet of the European war, S/Sgt. George Zimmerman of 1960 SCU. Ruth was married in her summer off-duty dress and was attended by 1st/Sgt. Eudora Lombardi.

Following a three-day pass the couple is planning to return to duty until Sgt. Zimmerman's discharge comes through. Ruth will also be discharged. They expect to live in the state of Washington.

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Furlough—T/5 Manda A. Helgeson, Kathryn, N. D.; Pvt. Carolyn Melson, Los Angeles; T/4 Inez I. Fox, Los Angeles; T/5 Alta M. Case, Los Angeles, and T/5 Katherine Sullivan, Berkeley.

ONE SMILE FROM LIEUT. BOCK AND PAIN IS BANISHED IN THE O.P.S.



1st Lieut. LOIS RUSSELL BOCK, ANC
A smiling acquisition to the staff in the Outpatient Clinic

With so much in this Army depending on one's position on the alphabetical roster it could be that some of our personnel effect a change in name in order to improve that position, but we still like to believe that when Lieutenant Lois Russell, ANC, changed her name to Mrs. Arthur Bock it was really a case of loving that man.

This all came out when the lieutenant was being interviewed by one of our staff in preparation for a write up in these columns, and Lieut. Bock mildly protested that her Army life was without anything newsworthy. She never heard a managing editor charge a cub reporter with the stern admonition to "come back with the story" or she would know that any reporter never returns without a story even if she has to make it up.

Well, little Lois was born in Lisbon—North Dakota, not Portuag!—and soon moved with her family to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where she really settled down to an extent that makes her a native of that town.

After graduating from high school she entered training at the Lutheran Hospital in the same place. With the R. N. safely tucked after her name she moved on to Chicago where she was on the staff of the Cook County General Hospital and other institutions in the same area.

In July, 1943, she was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps at Camp McCoy and a few months later was assigned to the 37th Field Hospital at Camp Ellis. The month of February in 1944 found her with the outfit at Milne Bay and as our forces moved along the New Guinea coast line, the 47th and the lieutenant followed suit. In November of the same year a sizzling case of dermatitis got her a plane ride to Hamilton Field and subsequent hospitalization at Schick General Hospital.

On being fit for duty she was ordered to Letterman and arrived here 22 February of this year. She has been on duty on Ward "G," C-1, and at the present time is in the Outpatient Clinic.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

Lucky GIs to be off to their homes during the week on furlough were: Cpl. William L. Kollner and Pvt. Per-L. Landingham, each with 25 days; Sgt. John W. Ranson, with 19 days; and Pvt. Banks Moose, with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Robert Colvig back on duty after completing a course in Information and Education in the East and very glad to be back where the sun shines but not too hot.

Good luck to Cpl. Benjamin Weitz who left for Fort Dix, New Jersey during the week where he will be returned to civilian life.

S/Sgt. Firmino B. Cavalli once again making his usual stops around the administration building after spending the last month as a patient on ward "G."

T/5th Gr. Rex "Atlas" Lutz now swimming instructor and also caretaker of the swimming pool.

S/Sgt. Edward C. Vicary now being called the "Whale" after his recent exhibition of floating in the swimming pool.

The detachment dance held last Friday night in the Recreation Center turned out to be a big success with the aid of the new WAC band.

S/Sgt. Anton J. Sterr and his crew already mastering the mechanism of the newly acquired jeeps.

Welcome to Pvt. Edward Mangels who is a veteran of the European Theater now working in the Pharmacy.

Sgt. Philip Passarelli telling about his experiences of riding the streamline trains on his recent furlough but not giving out much information on what sort of a time he had in his home state of Rhode Island.

T/Sgt. Chauncy Young and his crew of radio men quietly but busily installing a new speaking system in the main hospital.

The man in her life? He is 1st Lieut. Arthur Bock, MAC, one of San Francisco's native sons now with the Army in Germany and hoping to get home soon and remove her name from any and all Army rosters.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

The general hilarity, confusion, and giggling on the third floor this week means that **Pat Wilson**, **Pat Mockbee** and **Jinny Smith** are recounting their adventure in Yosemite. Pat Mockbee was the casualty kid. Her injuries ranged from spraining her ankle to squashing her nose in the swimming pool. Pat Wilson was convinced that if she could ride a horse, she could also ride a bicycle. So, being a good sport, she mounted the vehicle and was pushed down a steep hill by the other two demons. Pat and the bike ended up in a heap at the bottom of the hill and she has a deep gash to prove it. One rainy day the trio was forced to stay indoors and spent the day giving Jinny a haircut. She was most courageous to submit to this trimming. It looks so wonderful that we have made an appointment with Pat and Pat ourselves.

We extend a rousing welcome to Capt. **Howard E. Reilly**, MAC, the new Chief of CPB. He has an Irish twinkle in his eye, and we all hope that he'll be with us a long time and enjoy his stay at LGH. We might add at this point that the next three to six months will be very busy ones for all of us. So let's all stay with our jobs and carry on as we have in the past.

Mary Belle Cameron is back after a few days of playing nursemaid to her husband, who injured his foot. They're ardent fishermen and are off to the wilds on the slightest provocation.

We are happy to have **Nell O'Donnell** back with us again, and sorry to lose **Bernice Scott**, who plans to be a lady of leisure once again.

Flora Bambino enjoyed a brief stay at Russian River. Bambi looks as brown as a berry in her new green dress.

Seen in the PX—**Joanne Edlin** every day at 1130 eating custard pie. **Eve (Ace) Guth** showing her new hair-do to everyone and getting many compliments. **Pearly Bills** with new braids intently applying lipstick. **Jeanne Davis** and **Mildred Ross** looking at the jewelry. And **Clara McCready** stocking up on mint patties.

NEW JEWISH CHAPLAIN AT PRESIDIO WILL VISIT LETTERMAN REGULARLY



Chaplain (Major) SAMUEL W. CHOMSKY
Who will have additional duty at Letterman

Chaplain Samuel W. Chomsky's round, jovial face beamed. He was recounting an incident that happened at Fort Mason.

On June 26 he was checking in as a "casual" from 30 months of service in the Southwest Pacific. He wore the uniform of an American major, with the chaplain's insignia on his left lapel. In the receiving office were two Russian officers, in Russian uniform, and a Russian cleaning lady. The officers and the lady were strangers to the Chaplain but that didn't prevent all three from throwing their arms about him, figuratively, and welcoming him home as a brother . . . and in Russian.

"And the shame of it, I couldn't return their greeting in Russian," recalls the Chaplain wistfully. "You see, I was just born in Russia, stayed only long enough to acquire a 'typically Russian' countenance. . . ."

If Chaplain Chomsky hasn't learned Russian, it is probably because he has been altogether too busy getting in the middle of things. Even now, in the quiet of San Francisco Bay during peacetime, it would

take a magician to sandwich in the time during his duty schedule for lessons in "Ya vahs leebloo. . . ."

His job is to contact every Jewish patient coming in to Letterman General Hospital, Dibble General Hospital and Oakland Regional Hospital. He is responsible too for the weekly Sabbath services held Friday evenings at 1930 in Letterman Chapel and for the observance of Jewish Holy Days. In this work he is assisted by civilian workers of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Chaplain Chomsky saw most of his service in New Guinea and the Solomons, admits being near enough to get bombed and strafed, but was always lucky. He did a lot of flying too in those 30 months; a total of 300 hours.

Some of the service for which the Chaplain does not wear ribbons, however, might include the work he did before the war, in Havana, Cuba, when he gave solace to Jews fleeing Nazi persecution.

A graduate of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, he spent three years in Palestine (1934-37)

The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. Donald E. **Bailey**, a son, **Patrick Gage**, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 19 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Bernard I. **Farrell**, a daughter, **Bernadette Mary**, weight 7 pounds, born 20 August.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Ralph M. **Brooks**, a son, **Ralph McKilvey**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 20 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. William J. **Guest**, a daughter, **Terry Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 21 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Julius **Reshel**, a son, **Alan James**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 22 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Clyde W. **Button**, a son, **David Clyde**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 22 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Holland G. **Altum**, a daughter, **Christine Mildred**, weight 5 pounds and 5 ounces, born 22 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Frank C. **Gilley**, a son, **Stephen Michael**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 22 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Robert W. **Rasar**, a daughter, **Emily Jean**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 22 August.

To Major and Mrs. William A. **Smith**, a son, **Raymond Beach**, weight 9 pounds and 7 ounces, born 23 August.

To CWO and Mrs. Maurine **Scneider**, a daughter, **Kay Maureen**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 23 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Norman **Rasmussen**, a daughter, **Barbara Jeanne**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 24 August.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Jerome H. **Thomas**, a son, **Phillip Mark**, weight 6 pounds and 5 ounces, born 25 August.

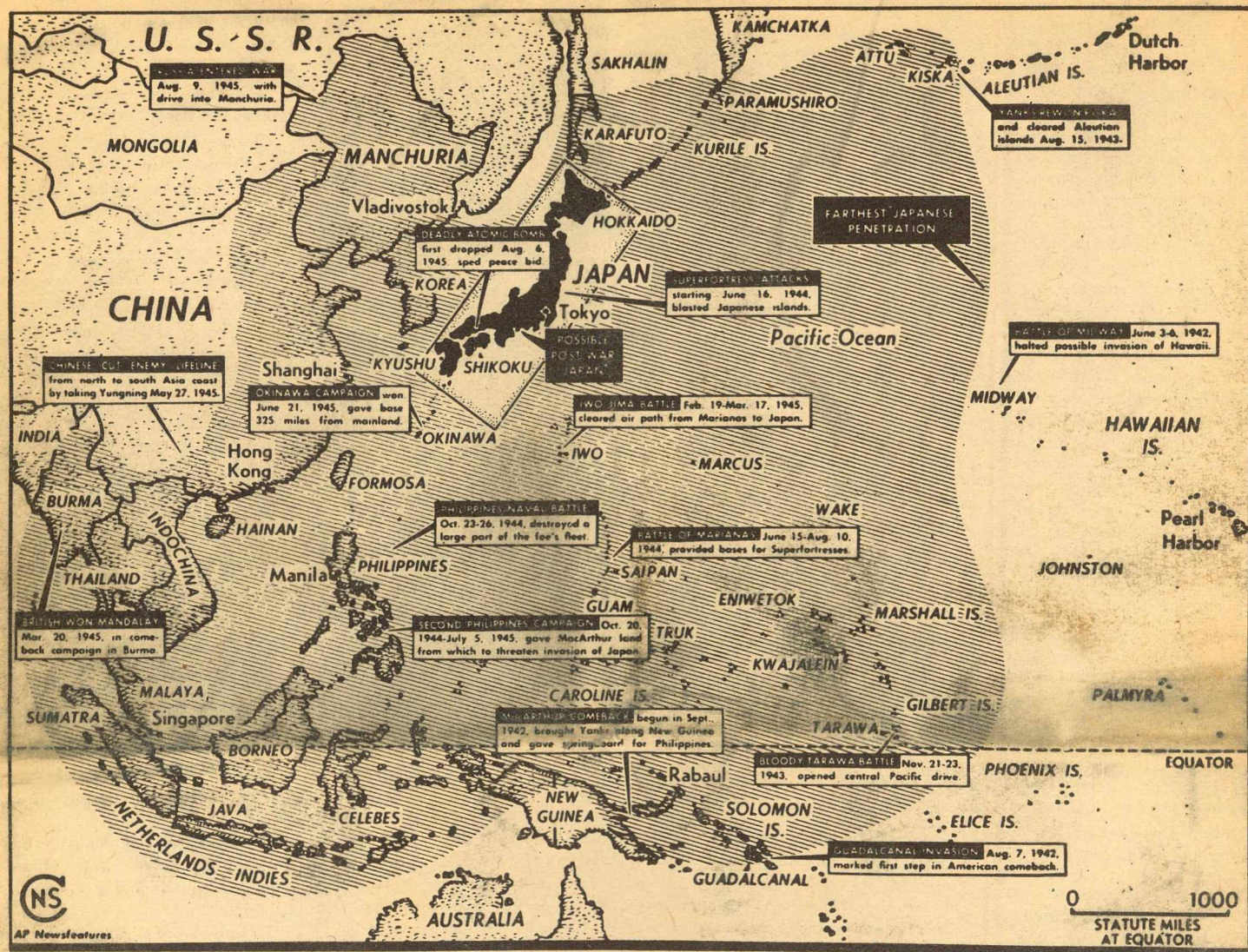
To Pvt. and Mrs. Arthur J. **Nagy**, a son, **Bill John**, weight 9 pounds and 9 ounces, born 26 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. Victor E. **Daniels**, a son, **Stephen Richard**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 26 August.

on a graduate fellowship at the Hebrew University, and with his wife, Ida, watched the Zionist movement at work. Later he had charge of the Topeka, Kansas Synagogue.

His home? It's Chicago now, but he hopes to settle somewhere on the West Coast and will be joined soon by Mrs. Chomsky.

The Road Back: How Allied Might Defeated Japs



The Allied drive to free the Pacific and Far East of Jap militarism began after our forces had been routed in the Philippines, Malaya, Burma, and the Indies. Starting with a handful of American and Australian troops

in New Guinea and with a Marine division in the Solomons, the size of the campaign gradually increased until our full might struck the N. The final blow was the loosing of the atomic bomb on Jap cities.

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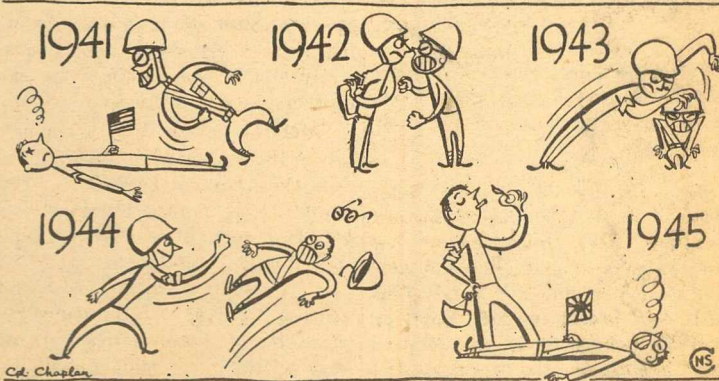
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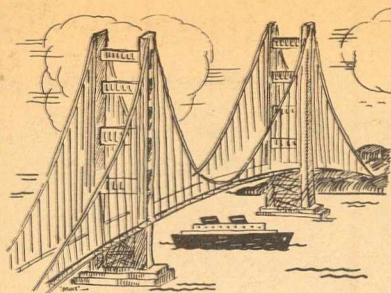
page and started to read with tears in his eyes.

There is a nurse in the University Hospital. She lies in an iron lung, a victim of infantile paralysis. She has only slight movement in her hands; the rest of her body has surrendered to polio. When they brought the Projected Book machine in to her and explained it, she too began to cry. The thing that delighted her more than anything else

was the fact that she could work the machine herself.

After the war, when casualties stop coming in, Projected Books makes possible a new life for all shut-ins, whether military or civilian. Of the tens of thousands of paralytics in the United States, there are many who lie permanently on their backs. This discovery that lights the ceiling will bring them pictures and news and adventure. The thousands of children who lie in the braces and casts in the infantile clinics will be able to see the children's books in full color. And to all immobilized it will mean a new world of simple comforts.





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Letterman Receives First Iron Lung Patient by Air

Pfc. Leonard E. Blom, 22 year old aviation mechanic of Ferndale, Wash. arrived at Letterman Wednesday after being flown 8,000 miles from Manila in an iron lung.

He is the second Army casualty to be returned to this country in an iron lung. The first was Lt. Robert Wesselhoffe Jr. of Westwood, Mass. who was flown from Tibet to Calcutta to Washington D. C. last October.

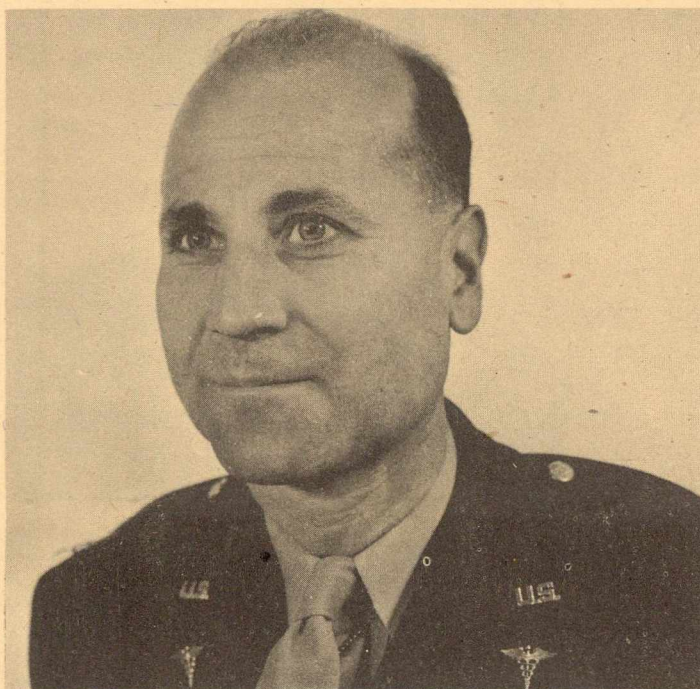
Pfc. Blom was stricken with infantile paralysis last March while on duty at Lingayen. At that time he suffered general paralysis in all extremities, but later the paralysis centered only in the muscles of his chest and diaphragm. Before leaving the Philippines his condition had so improved as to allow him to spend brief periods out of the iron lung.

The young airmen travelled the 8,000 miles, which took only 50 hours, in a portable iron lung. In attendance was a doctor, two nurses and two technicians. Upon his arrival at Letterman from Hamilton Field Wednesday afternoon he was put in charge of Major David M. Goldstein who transferred him to a regular iron lung.

By Thursday morning Leonard's condition was so improved that he was able to remain out of the iron lung for a period of two hours. Maj. J. Goldstein has announced that the young airman's progress indicated that he had every chance for a complete recovery.

When he is able to travel further, he will be sent to Barnes General Hospital in Vancouver, near his home.

"Undoubtedly the nearer he gets to home, the better he will feel," said the doctor. "Already happiness is bringing color to his face."



Colonel KERMIT H. GATES, MC.,
Who took over command of Hospital Train Unit, SCU 1960, last week.

Colonel Gates Is New Commander of Hospital Train Unit

Staying at Letterman only long enough to let his mail catch up with him, our newly appointed Director of Reconditioning, Colonel Kermit H. Gates, M. C., left us again on Saturday last to assume his new duties as the Commanding Officer, Hospital Train Unit, 1960 SCU at Crissy Field.

Colonel Gates had previously served in Hawaii and the Pacific Ocean Area command for a period of four years where his administrative functions carried him all over that broad expanse of water. He is an officer of the Regular Army and has been in the service since 1930.

In taking over command of the Hospital Train Unit, Colonel Gates will succeed Lieut. Colonel Algot R. Nelson, M. C., who has been in command ever since the activation of the unit. Colonel Nelson had previously been with the Receiving and Evacuation Section at Letterman and when called to organize the hospital train he brought to that task experienced gained here.

Colonel Nelson saw his unit grow from a handful of officers, nurses, and enlisted men to a command of approximately 2000 in military personnel, with a further expansion in view when hostilities came to an end. He excelled in devising expeditious methods for the handling of walking and litter patients and in the operation of the ward cars, unit cars, and kitchen cars on the long transcontinental journeys made by patients evacuated from Letterman. An outstanding feature of his supervision was the method followed by which the colonel was at all times aware of the location of every one of the cars under his command.

Colonel Nelson has been assigned to Fort Douglas, Utah, as the Post Surgeon.

Lt. Col. Galloway Sees Letterman Last

Lt. Col. Mera Galloway, newly-appointed Wac Staff Director of the Pacific Theatre who paid a sneak visit to Letterman Wednesday afternoon, seems to have a knack for distinction.

The female soldier had the honor to be the first Wac assigned to the Transportation Corps, and now is to be the last Wac sent overseas. (This last is in conformity with the recent order announcing the cessation of sending Wacs abroad.)

This was discovered in an interview at Letterman when the Pacific Staff Director stopped here enroute to her new post in Manila, where she is relieving Lt. Col. Mary Agnes

Brown, now assigned to the Veterans Bureau in Washington.

Col. Galloway also seems to have an affinity for Staff Director assignments. For the last 26 months she has served as Staff Director to the Chief of Transportation in Washington.

"That doesn't mean I helped route traffic in the Pentagon building," she said mischievously. "It did mean, though, two memorable trips for me. One was in November of '43, when I made a reconnaissance trip to Alaska to ascertain the feasibility of assigning Wacs there. The other was a six weeks' journey to England

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A Son of Modern Troy Who Fought Like A Trojan of Old

When Technical Sergeant Raymond E. Smith, a husky Infantryman from Troy, New York, added up his combat credits—including a Silver Star and the Bronze Star Medal—on Luzon, he found he was just two points short of the necessary 85.

Then he remembered two Purple Heart awards he might have had, and one that came four days late.

"I never wanted a Purple Heart at all," the 23-year-old former Troy bus driver declares. "Men in our outfit thought they were a jinx. Twice I refused to turn in for first aid when I was hurt, then the third time it was too late."

The deadline for compilation of points under the Army's plan for partial demobilization was May 2. Sergeant Smith was wounded near Wawa dam northeast of Manila on May 16.

That is the kind of hairbreadth luck the sergeant had throughout his 19 months overseas in a rifle company of the 38th Infantry (Cyclone) Division. Son of Mrs. Blanche Smith of 6 Cooper Avenue in Troy, he told of those months in an interview at Letterman where he awaited transfer to another hospital.

"I got a little gash in the neck during the fighting in Zig-Zag Pass," he recalled, "and later I was hit in the hand by some grenade fragments at Clark Field. Those were the two I didn't turn in, because I think the men who deserve Purple Hearts are the ones who are really wounded."

"When I was hit at Wawa dam, it was only some mortar shell fragments in the right knee. I guess I was just lucky most of the time."

Sergeant Smith's talent for escaping injury was more remarkable when it is remembered that he was a platoon sergeant, leading his platoon of riflemen through action after action, and that he was cited twice for bravery while doing that.

He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry near Wawa dam when he and two companions volunteered to rescue two wounded riflemen who were lying exposed to heavy enemy fire.

"The company was pulling back to regroup," he explained, "when we discovered that two of our wounded couldn't make it. Three of us went out about 300 yards under fire and brought them in. Both of the men with me were wounded by Jap snipers, but I wasn't even scratched."



Tech. Sgt. RAYMOND E. SMITH, Inf.
Who proved himself a real Trojan in combat.

Sergeant Smith contended he received the Bronze Star Medal for "a plumb mistake" on the last day of the furious fighting for Zig-Zag Pass. This was the battle that sealed Japanese defenders in Bataan peninsula, just as outnumbered American forces had been cut off three years before, and earned for the famous "Cyclone" Division the additional nickname of "Bataan Avengers." That legend now appears on a new division shoulder patch.

"A Jap with a light machinegun has the company pinned," he recalled, "and I crawled around to one flank with a Browning automatic rifle to see that we didn't get any attack from that direction."

"Suddenly, I spotted the feet of a Jap just on the other side of a big tree I was circling. It was the Jap with the machinegun."

"Now, I didn't intend to get that close to any Jap if I could help it. I had assumed the machinegun was dug in, not just sitting under a tree, and I wasn't trying to knock

it out by myself. It was a plumb mistake that I was there at all."

"But I sneaked on around the tree, and emptied my BAR into the Jap. The company got out, and I got the Bronze Star."

Sergeant Smith, who also received the Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, had his basic training with an Infantry division at Camp McCain, Mississippi. He joined the 38th Division before it went overseas, and as one of its noncommissioned officers was selected for advanced training at a specialized jungle school in Hawaii and with the renowned Alamo Scouts in New Guinea.

He was wounded during the campaign to win the Manila watershed from the enemy.

"The action was pretty tough there, but a medical aid man bandaged me a short time after I was hit," he said. "Then some men of my platoon carried me out by litter."

"Snipers were peppering at us all the way, and they had to carry me

Forgetful Vets Lose Insurance

New York (ACS)—Eighty per cent of discharged veterans have permitted their GI insurance policies to lapse, with a loss of "billions of dollars of protection to them," the Institute of Life Insurance reports.

A common reason for these lapses is the fact that the GI is accustomed to having the premium deducted from his pay in the service, and forgets to mail in the money to keep his policy in force after he returns to civilian life.

Since 1940, policies worth more than \$137,000,000,000 have been written, covering more than 14,500,000 servicemen and women. A recent act of Congress extended the effectiveness of the policies from the original 5-year term to 8 years.

This means that a veteran who signed up for a government policy in January, 1943, for example, can keep his term insurance in force until January, 1951, merely by paying to the Veterans Administration the same premium that was deducted from his pay while he was in uniform. He can keep his insurance for life by converting it to a permanent policy. The Veterans Administration in Washington, any of its regional offices, or the Personal Affairs Office of the nearest Army post, camp or station should be consulted as soon as possible after discharge.

New York (CNS)—TS Department: American women will have to make their old girdles last another year at least. Corset manufacturers say it will take that long to reconvert to the luxurious 2-way stretch jobs of the good old days.

about two and a half miles. They went some of the way wading in a creek, and my litter was skimming along on top of the water."

In addition to his Purple Heart and other decoration, Sergeant Smith wears the Distinguished Unit Badge for a citation received by his company on Luzon. He also received the Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon granted by the government of the Philippine Commonwealth.

Before he entered the Army, Sergeant was employed by the United Traction Company, driving buses between Troy and Albany, New York.

Some New Faces Around The Old Places at Letterman



1st Lt. GLADINE S. FREEDLINE, ANC

of Reynoldsville, Pa. was born in Porter, Pa., took the Army oath in April 1941 at Fort Belvoir, Va. She served consecutively at Ft. Belvoir, Camp Swift, Texas, Camp Chaffee, Ark., and in ETO, overseas from Feb. 44 until now.



1st Lt. MARGARET SHEA, ANC

of Woodside, New York, New York-born, went from civilian nursing into the Army in February, 1943. June of the same year found her in England with the 121st General Hospital. She was there for the Little Blitz, saw her hospital bombed, served until July.



2nd Lt. EDNA L. YOUNG, ANC

of Cincinnati, Ohio, got her start in life at Holyoke, Mass., trained in the Deaconess Hospital of Cincinnati. Entering the service in July 1943, she saw duty first at Fletcher General, went to Europe in Dec. 1943 until this July.



1st Lt. L. MABELLE PORTER, ANC

of Phoenixville, Pa., was born in Fayetteville, Pa. entered the service in Feb., 1943. She got assignments in Butler, Pa., Needles, Calif., Claiborne, La., Denver, Colo. and Miles Standish, Mass., before serving in ETO.



1st Lt. JANE E. QUIGLEY, ANC

of Manville, New Jersey, also got in on the Blitzing of Essex County. She was born in Orland, Indiana but took her nursing training at Newark City Hospital. Entering the Army in January, 1943, she went overseas in July that year, served until this July.



1st Lt. LORENA M. CAMPBELL, ANC

of Philadelphia, was born in Morrisdale, Pa., nursed before taking the nursing oath in Feb., 1943. She also went to England in June the same year, served with the 121st Hospital in Braintree, Essex County until this July and got a taste of the Blitz.



1st Lt. ROSE PENONCELLA, ANC

of Waterbury, Conn. was born in Utah, took her nursing training at St. Mary's Hospital in 1929. In the Army since April 1943, she served first at Ft. Devens, Mass. and in ETO from March 1944 until July this year.



1st Lt. FLORENCE J. KELVASA, ANC

of Pine Island, New York, is a New Jerseyite by birth, joined the A. N. C. in March, 1943 at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey and went from there to England in June that year, serving at the Station Hospital in Essex County until July this year. Yes, she was blitzed.

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EDITORIAL

WELL DONE

Looking across the bay from the windows on the top floor of the Administration Building one gets a clear view of the 16 foot letters erected on the hillside of Angel Island. The men returning from the wars will also get that view as they steam under the Golden Gate Bridge. It is a greeting to the conquerors: "Welcome home—well done."

The people of our country were thrilled by the sudden collapse of the enemy, but found it difficult to assimilate the thought that the war was over. It was the object of their prayers for almost four years; it was what they desired more than anything else in this world, and while still setting themselves for more and continued conflict. Poof!—and it was over.

It was a long war, as we know wars. It was a costly war with a high toll of human life and a tremendous expenditure of materiel. It was a global war with our forces fighting on all fronts. It was a final proof that this is truly One World.

The men behind the guns are coming home. The guns may be left behind as a symbol of our might. Without our men the guns would not even be a symbol.

The country owes much to the returning fighting forces. It will try to re-pay that debt over the years, but for now we say heartily—

WELL DONE.



By Marie Field

First Lieutenant Geneva Jenkins of Sevierville, Tenn., came "home" to Letterman last week.

One of the first returned "Angels of Bataan" greeted at Letterman last February following liberation from three years of imprisonment in Santo Tomas, Lt. Jenkins brings with her recollections of happy days during the last of February and the first of March when the entire country was stirred by the Angels' return, and when everyone, from the President down, showered honors upon them.

Lt. Jenkins entered the Army at Letterman in March 1941 and served here until going to the Philippines in July of that year. During the fall of Bataan her sister, Ressa, managed to fly out to Australia, but Geneva remained to nurse the men until their surrender.

She wears the Bronze Star, Philippine Defense Ribbon with one star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and American Defense Ribbon as well as the Distinguished Unit Citation with two stars which was awarded the entire medical corps in Bataan.

Three other Bataan Angels are on duty at Letterman: Lt. Anne E. Wurts on Ward F-1; Lt. Dorcus E. Easterling, in the surgical dressing room off Ward B, and Lt. Letha McHale on Ward P.

Lt. Jenkins has been assigned to Ward C-1 and is already watching the names of returning Americans just released from Japanese prison camps on the chance that among them may be some of her friends and patients from Bataan.

Climaxing a romance which began in the States before the war, flourished in the Philippines when they both met while on duty, and renewed at Letterman in March when the prisoners liberated from Bilibid prison were brought here to recuperate, First Lieutenant Audrey I. Williams and Sgt. James Strawhorn exchanged their marriage vows on August 22 in Nashua, Iowa. The ceremony was performed in the Little Brown Church in the Vale.

Sgt. Strawhorn, who served with the Coast Artillery in the Philippine Division, is a native of Pelzer, South Carolina and was taken prisoner in Bataan. He returned to San Fran-



Major William H. Ice, former Lettermanite, back from the wars and straight into our Officers' Pool.

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Captain "Jim" Geiger also back from "over there" and calling on some of his old friends on the staff.

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The Control Office moving down to the ground floor of the Administration Building and the Provost Marshal moving up to the 3rd floor. What gives?

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Captain Mary E. Tyrrell even more hopeful for a birthday party.

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Miss "Pat" Wilson starting a campaign to re-name our mascot. No dice!

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Mrs. Donna Cannon counting the minutes until "that man" gets back from Corsica.

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Twin silver bars for Captain Ernestine L. Stevenson. Congratulations.

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The WAC band playing afternoon concerts in the patio—and good.

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The sun out again.

Indianapolis (CNS)—A 17-year-old local resident saw the motion picture "Dillinger," based on the life of the notorious badman, then stole a car from a parking lot and, leering dramatically, knocked over 3 trees and 6 front porches before he was apprehended by pursuing police. "I felt mean," he explained to the judge.

Martinsburg, W. Va (CNS)—Martinsburg's harassed postmen aren't bitten by dogs anymore.

cisco early this week with his bride and will spend the remainder of his furlough here while Mrs. "Willie" reports for duty in Ward G.

First Lieutenants Beverly L. White, Adeline Slovak and Shirley Wein all left Sept. 3, Lt. White for five days and Lts. Slovak and Wein for 20-day leaves. On the same day First Lieutenant Rose Penoncello left for Waterbury, Conn., on a 20-day emergency leave because of her father's illness. Second Lieutenant Gertrude E. Toyer signed out for 15 days leave on Sept. 4.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 9, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Mass daily at 1700.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Crissy Annex Opens

The new annex of Letterman General Hospital located on the site of the old Crissy Field was activated for use on Friday of this week. All of the facilities were placed in operation in anticipation of the early arrival of the recently liberated prisoners of war from the Japanese camps.

Crissy Annex is a self contained unit and in addition to all of the professional facilities there is a theatre, post exchange, chapel, library, arts & skills center, and many outdoor shuffle board courts.

There are accommodations for approximately 1000 patients in the Crissy Annex.

WAC Strength Neared That Of Pre-War Army

Washington (ACS)—During committee hearings on the Army Appropriation bill it was revealed that the strength of the Women's Army Corps nearly approximated that of the Regular Army in the early '30s. The RA enlisted strength in 1935 was 118,750, while recent figures gave WAC strength as 100,000.

Puts \$1000 A Month In Bonds

Fort Bragg, N. C. (ACS)—A trainee in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center here buys a \$1000 War Bond every month and credits them to his 3 children.

He is Pvt Arthur Velasquez of Chicago, a former juke box distributor. Velasquez has bought 15 of the big bonds so far and has divided them equally among his children. He says he's going to keep buying bonds as long as they sell them.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY M. PARSONS
Private First Class

Pfc. Mary M. Parsons, the Wac band's petite snare drummer who also has more than a speaking acquaintance with the big bass drum and cymbals, holds a record of musical activities way out of proportion to her size.

Mary started out her musical career in civilian days as a snare drummer for three military groups—American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Yankee Division drum corps. Participation in the Massachusetts division was more than just a musical activity; it was an opportunity to belong to the group with which her father fought in the first World War.

In her early army career, Mary became a big bass drummer but the "big" definitely referred to the drum, not the drummer, for Mary began losing weight as she lugged the large instrument around Fort Oglethorpe and strained her small arms to heave a hearty and resounding wallop at the stretched drum-top.

Early in 1944 she became a snare drummer and began playing a smaller, lighter instrument but, not until she came to San Francisco about two months ago, did Mary begin to regain her 30 lost pounds. Now she is having clothes altered and is glad of it.

The other musical member of the LGH Wac's family is her brother, honorably discharged from the army. They took snare drum lessons at the same time, played together occasionally and were friendly rivals.

"He was better than I was," Mary asserts. "I was always slow but sure."

Mary's biggest thrill since coming here has been playing aboard a ship for veterans newly returned to San Francisco.

WD REVEALS HEAVY MALARIA TOLL;
NO V-DAY IN WAR ON ANOPHELES

Washington (ACS)—Although the Jap war is over, another enemy is still operating against U. S. troops with telling effect. The War Department now reveals that in many theaters of operation the malaria-carrying mosquito caused more casualties than the enemy. And it continues to be a menace.

In case any war-weary and training film-tired GI might be inclined to lower his guard against Anopheles now that peace has set in, here are some recently released figures on what the mosquito has done to American soldiers so far:

In the Southwest Pacific theater, during a 6-month period in 1942-43, more than 30 per cent of all hospital cases were malaria victims—a percentage far greater than actual combat cases. During the fighting in the Buna-Gona area of New Guinea, there were five times as many evacuated with malaria as with battle wounds.

Nearly all of the Chinese, British and American Forces that retreated through Burma into Assam in 1942 suffered from malaria; and the enemy was prevented from pressing its advantage only by the fact that it was also heavily hit by the disease.

In the North African theater during 1943, an estimated three quarters of a million man-days were lost to the U. S. forces because of malaria. And in the Sicilian campaign allied losses from the disease were

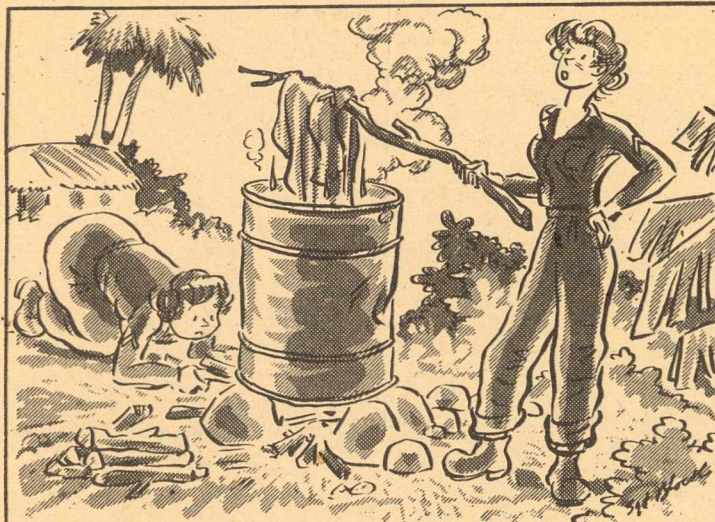
equivalent to the fighting effectiveness of two infantry divisions for one month. In the 7th and 8th Armies, malaria casualties exceeded battle casualties by over 1,500.

At the fall of Bataan, 85 per cent of every regiment had acute malaria.

While the danger of disease is more widespread under combat conditions, the WD points out that in areas where Anopheles is present, there can be no relaxation of precautions against it. This is illustrated by the fact that in early 1943 as many as 15 per cent of all bomber crews enroute to England by way of Africa were incapacitated because of the disease.

Presence of large numbers of men who have been hit by malaria also increases the danger to those who have been able to escape it. And while atabrine lessened the symptoms in thousands of men who had to keep operating under battle conditions, it did not serve as a cure.

The continuing program of malaria control stresses the fact that the most important defense against the disease is the vigilance of the individual soldier. With men now operating under non-combat conditions, says a report from the Surgeon General's Office, "there is no reason why a soldier cannot remain healthy IF he will carry out the measures the Army has designed to protect him."



"Dear Uncle Sam and Co—I wash all my dainty garments with your lovely GI soap. The results are practically amazing . . ."

ON THE SPOT



FRED H. GALLMAN
Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant Fred H. Gallman of Gaffney, South Carolina, is like the sword swallower who never misses during his act but almost chokes to death on a safety pin while getting out of costume! Gallman spent a year and a half in Burma, in rough and rugged combat, but didn't become ill once until he was aboard ship on his way home under the Army's rotation plan.

Twenty-one-year-old Fred was a member of a rifle platoon that was one of the assault units of Merrill's Marauders. The men walked more than 900 miles through the Burma jungles and mountains, and were within 100 yards of the airfield at Myitkyina before they were discovered by the Japs.

"It took us only an hour and a half to capture the field," Fred recalls, "but the Japs held out in the town for 10 weeks after that."

The town had been held for two years by the Japanese, and was strongly defended by well-camouflaged pill boxes. The jungle had been cleared away on every side to give wide open fields of fire.

"When we finally did take it," he continues, "the main forces faked a frontal assault while two platoons of us slipped in from the flank. We drove 1700 yards on one push."

Sgt. Gallman, with other Marauder veterans, then went into the new Mars Task Force, formed from the 475th Infantry Regiment, and a regiment of dismounted cavalry. They then embarked on a wild 300 mile hike through some of "the worst country I ever saw" sweeping Japs from positions along the Burma road as they went.

Young Gallman has the Distinguished Unit badge, awarded to the Marauders.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

The happy combination of peace and payday enticed many LGH Wacs to draw out their thick little moneybags last week, pull their bulging green pocketbooks from utility bags and go to town, literally and figuratively.

They returned with bags and bundles, as they do every payday week end, but this week there was a difference. Tucked away demurely in corners of bags, hidden slyly in inoffensive small boxes were bits of civilian clothing, purchased by the optimists and the far-sighted. Among them were:

1. A \$14 black velvet hat, strictly dress stuff, with sequins in front—or in back if you wear the affair in the opposite direction, which is quite likely to happen after a year or so of nothing but garrison caps;

2. Shiny gold ear bands that resembled the kind brought back by veterans from South Pacific islands but apparently weren't since they came in a gold box;

3. A campus-style blue wool jumper with a white blouse and a springy little hat of three yellow flowers which fit above or on top of each ear, depending on the size of the ear, and were joined by two strips of yellow;

4. Sandals composed mostly of air with a couple of \$4 black straps running playfully across the ankle.

5. A fussy fuchsia dress ornamented with rhinestone clips which have all the sparkle of newly polished brass without any of the work. The dress is of the afternoon variety, which means it is never worn any time but evening, and it has a draped skirt roughly resembling, in its folds, the form of a size 18 OD skirt on a size 12 Wac.

6. Finally, a black ensemble of hat, dress, negligee outfit and shoes which, since it was not purchased for funeral or trousseau, must be a symbol of mourning over prospects of an eventual discharge.

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Furloughs—T/5th Gr. Blanch S. Bays, Ventura; T/5th Gr. Miriam Ettlinger, Brooklyn; T/5th Gr. Grace B. Hall, Guasti; Pvt. Aurell R. Krueger, Milwaukee; Pvt. Lucille Matosian, Milwaukee; T/5th Gr. Mary C. Novak, Baltimore, and Pvt. Virginia M. Shaffer, Sparks, Nev.

LIEUT. MYRBO HAS COMPLETED THE CIRCLE—BACK WHERE SHE STARTED



1st Lieut. BETTY MYRBO, H.D.,
Who has returned to Letterman for another tour of duty—
she hopes.

Dietitians with a yen for traveling should have no difficulty at all finding plenty of work for the next few years in the Philippines, predicts First Lieutenant Betty Myrbo, herself a dietitian just back from Manila and recently assigned to Letterman's officer pool.

Lt. Myrbo left Manila June 19, flew home via Saipan, Kwajalein and Hickham Fields, after spending four long-to-be-remembered weeks on the dietary staff of the 249th General Hospital at Clark Field. For from what she saw from her box seat or "open air" view of Manila and the dietary situation among Filipino civilians there, diets have been sadly neglected as to be almost nil during the past 3½ years.

Betty's eyes darken recalling Manila during those weeks following its liberation. She pictures a city completely flattened by bombing, a city that she believes will take millions of dollars and many years to rebuild, and she can't forget the poverty of half-starved natives who have been forced to a standard of living far below the lowest level of

anything most Americans have imagined, let alone experienced.

Betty's own travel yen, however, stops short this side of the Golden Gate. She admits quite frankly that she's perfectly willing to remain in San Francisco for a while, Letterman preferred.

Warren, Minn. witnessed her birth on February 3, 1921, but later years saw her commuting between two homes: Minneapolis, where her aunt and uncle live, and Fargo, where she attended North Dakota State College. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Foods and Nutrition in 1942 and put in a graduate year of study at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

The Army took Betty's finger prints in July 1943, and lo, her first assignment, was to the staff of the Dietetics Department of Letterman General Hospital.

Before Betty could settle down and enjoy to the full the flavor of San Francisco fog, she had to experience 18 months of service overseas. That began in December 1943 when she was sent to Brisbane,

MEDICAL DETACH

With our regular columnist on furlough we had to look around for a pinch hitter for **Pat Sullivan** and that looked easy. Pat has poked fun at so many in this column during the past year it was only normal that some of his victims wanted to get even, but strange as it may seem all lacked literary inspiration.

The First Sergeant was sounded out and felt it was beneath his dignity to pay any attention to the yapping of any column writer. Then a feeler was sent in the direction of the First Sergeant of the Detachment of Patients, the well known **Wiley Dunn**, but he considers himself a short timer now and is ready to forgive Pat for everything. Master Sgt. **Henry Kuntz** is just back from a fifteen day furlough in the high Sierras and feeling not at all like a master sergeant is supposed to feel, so Kuntz just took the pipe out of his mouth and explained he was better at talking than writing.

Down among the men in the lower brackets the result was no better. The genial "Bob" Harrington, in the Detachment office, said he once had hoped to work on a paper but with all the paper work in his office he hopes he will never see any of it once he gets out of the army. T/Sgt. **Jack Lavelle** also, spurned the chance to be writer of the week and said the only paper he knew anything about is paper napkins used exclusively in his family; it saves laundry bills and he gets the napkins for free.

Ernie Brensell stopped compound-ing a prescription only long enough to decline in two words: "H---, No" and **Ed Chilgren** protested the use of profanity in declining an invitation, even an invitation to be a modern Walter Winchell without looking through key holes, and **Rudy Shellhorn** remarked on one of his patients who lost an eye that way.

Charlie Wilcox was the last hope but he could not be found on account of Hollywood Park opened this week and he has a few good ones he is keeping to himself. And there is no column this week.

Australia. There, in the 42nd General Hospital, she worked out diets to her heart's content for grateful American soldiers, and a smattering of Australians.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

On Wednesday of this week, Helen Eamly from Recon became Mrs. Charles Hoffman. She was married at the Swedenborgian Church here in S.F. Her husband is an engineer for Pan-American Airways. They will spend their honeymoon in Ben Bow and plan to make their home in Burlingame. Our very best wishes to them both.

We welcome Lillie Meader back to the fold after a long illness.

Maud Crumley is taking a well-deserved rest in Long Beach with friends.

That lush blonde, Vivian Halver-son, had a wild and woolly vacation visiting her family in Great Falls, Mont. She spent some time at Allen's Dude Ranch and went on a pack trip into the mountains. She tells us, and we'll take her word for it, that she caught some beautiful rainbow trout and thoroughly enjoyed the rugged, outdoor existence.

Helen Diez was all in a dither this week. She's delighting in the wonders of Mother Nature with her son at Yosemite.

Dorothy Lucian and Helen Smith will never be the same again. They returned from Hollywood with night club tans. They didn't leave a stone unturned in their search for fun and Smitty said that she'll need a week or so to recuperate.

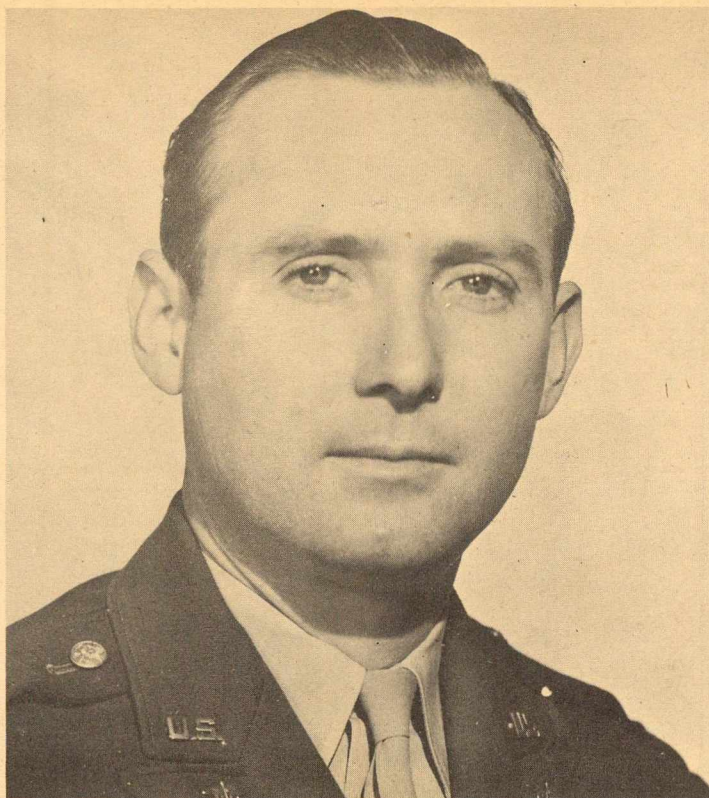
When Esther Kleinclaus walked into her office, everyone thought that she was a Powers model, what with her new coiffure. She's been relaxing in the sun at Russian River and while musing decided to change her hairdo. It's most becoming.

Mickey Fenn hiked five miles to the London Ranch in Sonoma County. Then, for a change and a rest, she went horseback riding in her spare time. And she can still walk!

Georgia Powers of the Dental Branch spent two weeks in Victoria at the Empress Hotel. She took the Tally-Ho Drive and picked up some lovely china. She's so enthusiastic about the Pacific Northwest. On her way home she stopped at Mt. Rainier, made her headquarters at Paradise Inn and took trips around the country from there.

Our parting shot is a reminder that you'll see all your friends when you go down to the Lab to have your blood typed!

RECONDITIONED PATIENT TAKES OVER AS DIRECTOR OF RECONDITIONING



Major THOMAS J. COCKERILL, MC.,
Newly assigned as Director of Reconditioning Division.

Anyone who needs a laugh to brighten these foggy days should rush quick like 40 bunnies to the Reconditioning Division offices. There, in charge of the place, will be Major Thomas John Cockerill, who could get a job as a gag writer anytime.

Major Cockerill, as of the beginning of last week, is the officer in charge of Reconditioning, coordinator and supervisor of the Information and Education branch, library and 402nd Wac band. He's the man who wants to drum up more trade for the gym and the swimming pool, and get the patients interested in the activities offered them—local sight-seeing tours, lessons in wallet-making, ceramics, etc., and fishing trips.

As library officer, he feels it might be a good idea to read all the books in the place—but he's been so busy, he has only read from Abbot to Adams, as guided by the classified card file.

Supervising the Wac band — 26 pieces—is a special job in itself. Major Cockerill has to decide which

events call for a musical background, and says, in answer to many requests, that birthdays of officers are not considered quite important enough for serenades by the girls.

Major Cockerill has been at Letterman 14 months, the first of which he spent here as a patient. Next he was assigned to Dante Annex, came back to the hospital again, was transferred to Dibble and became a patient there for a month. When he returned, he was assigned to Dante again as registrar. After that came a trip to Fort Leavenworth, where he was an honor graduate of the Command and General Staff School. His most recent assignment before becoming Director of Reconditioning, was serving on the staff in the Out-patient Clinic.

We checked on Major Cockerill's spare time activities, always necessary in an interview, and discovered he has none. Too busy. In the past, he specialized in languages and speaks French, German and Italian fluently. He enjoys an occasional game of golf and loves horses, "particularly when they come in first."



To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Yager, a daughter, **Nan Helen**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 27 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. H. O. Benson, a daughter, **Barbara K.**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 28 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Andrew Palazzi, a daughter, **Rochelle Rae**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 30 August.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. William Straussey, a son, **William Edward**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 30 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Olpha B. Bushong, a daughter, **Linda Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 31 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Claude P. Hanning, a daughter, **Karen Marie**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 31 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Russell Kurtz, a daughter, **Karol Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 11 ounces, born 1 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles S. Solomon, a daughter, **Carol Ann**, weight 7 pounds, born 1 September.

MORE ABOUT LT. COL. GALLOWAY

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in March and April of '44 when I took over the largest contingent of Wacs ever to be sent overseas."

"I thought my travels were over, however, 'she went on,' when the war collapsed. In fact, I went out and ordered a civilian suit to be tailored. Then came these orders, and I must say I'm not a bit sorry about it. This is what I have always wanted."

Col. Galloway, a former newspaper woman with the Chicago Tribune, was in on the ground floor of the Women's Army, having been commissioned in the first class. With her new assignment, she very probably will be one of the last women to be released.

And so once again she will be living up to her reputation for firsts and lasts.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Athletes killed in World War II totaled 800 and numbered such stars as Nile Kinnick, greatest of Iowa halfbacks; Tommy Hitchcock, 10-goal polo player; Charlie Paddock, famed sprinter; Joe Hunt, national tennis champ; Lou Zamperini, the miler and Torger Tokle, the ski jumper.

The death of Maj William (Billy) Southworth, Jr, Rochester outfielder and son of the St. Louis Cardinals' manager, focused national attention on a father's grief. For the senior Southworth was prouder of his flyer son than he ever was of his champion Cardinal teams.

Football's losses were preponderantly heavier than those of other sports. In addition to Kinnick, field leader of Iowa's 1939 "team of destiny", the gridiron lost such All-Americans as Tony Butkovich, Purdue back; Waddy Young, Oklahoma end; Joe Routt, Texas Aggies guard; Al Blozis, former Georgetown and New York Giants tackle; Howie Seymour, of Yale, and Clint Castleberry, of Georgia Tech.

Blue Plate Special

The war's end has brought intensification of efforts to play the World Series somewhere in the Pacific, where GIs who remain there can see it. There's a move afoot in Congress right now to back such a plan. Previously Navy Secretary Forrestal had invited the winner of the domestically-played series to tour the Pacific areas, but the new plan seems even better. . . . The 2d Air Force Superbombers 1945 backfield features Pvt Bill Paschal, New York Giants' fullback and leading ground gainer in the National Football League last fall, and Pvt Frank Sinkwich, ex-Georgia All-American and most valuable player in the NFL in 1944. . . . One-armed Ray McDonnell, discharged GI, won the annual President's Trophy golf play at New York recently. . . . Comebacks by two former GIs, Sgt Red Ruffing, of the Yankees, and Lt Buddy Lewis, of Washington, have put some bezaz into the AL race. Ruffing won his first 2 games after receiving his overage discharge and Lewis, discharged on points from the AAF, has batted the Washington club into 2d place. . . . Abel Cestac, balloonish Argentine heavyweight, made his much ballyhooed debut in Madison Square Garden the other week and when he left there was the smell of ripe mackerel in the air. Abel was unable to defeat John Thomas, a Newark preliminary boy, and instead went down to defeat 'midst a chorus of boos.

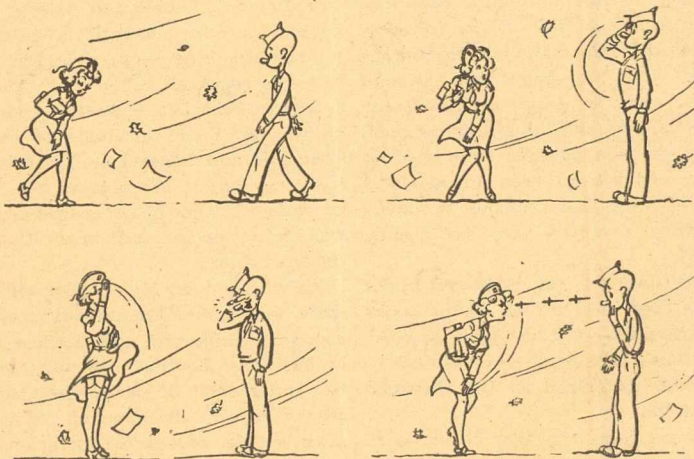
Manchuria Goes Back to the Chinese



(Map 158-1012)

Press Association Map

Russian troops will be withdrawn from Manchuria 3 months after Japan's formal surrender, under a new 30-year treaty between the USSR and China. Dairen will be a free port, open to all nations, but administered by the Chinese, and Port Arthur will be used jointly as a Russo-Chinese naval base. The Southern Manchuria Railway (running through Harbin, Hsinking, Mukden, and Dairen) and the Chinese Eastern Railroad (from Lupin to Vladivostok, via Harbin) will be jointly operated by the 2 countries. Russia will also give military supplies and moral support to the Chiang Kai-shek government, to the exclusion of the Chinese Communists.



Japanese Winters Are Not So Hot

San Francisco (ACS) — The popular notion that Japan is a land of year-round sunshine and flowers is strictly Baka. The Nipponese thermometers and barometers dropped regularly even in the days when Japan was known as the Land of the Rising Sun. And nothing has happened to improve the climate lately.

When it's winter in the U.S., it's winter in Jap-land too, pre-war travel posters to the contrary. There's no typical weather but, reading from south to north, it runs like this:

Okinawa, at the southern tip has a winter that's cooler than Miami, with the temperature varying from 50 to 60 degrees during a 4-month period.

Tokyo winters are similar to those in Aachen and Bologna with plenty of cold and dampness and generally unhealthy.

Further north, in Hokkaido, the winters resemble those in Maine—slushy and damp, with the mercury below freezing during 3 of the 5 winter months.

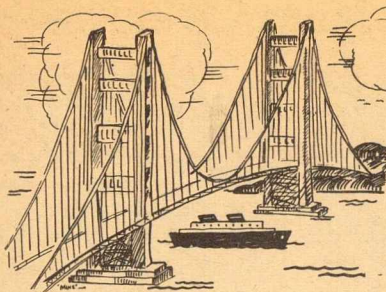
The Jap climate is generally humid or wet, with many areas featuring the kind of fogs you see in movie versions of London. In winter the wet area is concentrated along the coast of the Sea of Japan, and the precipitation is chiefly in the form of snow, with an "accumulated maximum of 10 feet, the second highest in the world."

For months before the war ended, the Army had teams of GIs testing "wet-cold" uniforms in the Pacific Islands and regions of the U.S. approximating Jap climates. They developed a gear which is put on in layers for greater flexibility, and adaptability to varying weather conditions.

Hundreds of articles were tested to enable Americans to occupy Jap territory with a minimum of discomfort. They include snow parkas, shoe pacs, woolen socks, hoods and goggles.

So if you're going to Japan, don't sneer when the long-handled drawers are passed around. The Army isn't trying to fool anybody about this trip.

Greenwich, Conn (CNS) — George Houston was playing double solitaire with his wife when 3 masked men entered their home. One of the intruders continued the game with Houston, the 2d looted the house of \$75 and 9 cases of whiskey and the 3d stood guard. Later all 3 left, each kissing Mrs Houston goodbye.



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First Enlisted Men Arrive Here from Jap Prison Camps

The first group of the liberated prisoners of war from the camps located on the Japanese home islands arrived at Letterman on Wednesday evening after a plane flight across the broad Pacific. Among the 29 admitted as patients were five members of the Canadian forces and four Navy personnel who were later transferred to the Naval Hospital at Mare Island.

The men were first brought to a hot dinner, with steak as the principal item on the menu, and then settled down for the night in comfortable beds. Nine of the men were litter patients and assigned to Ward 29 while the ambulant men went down to the new Crissy Annex which is to be the center for the reception of all liberated prisoners of war.

Among the liberated patients was Pfc. Robert D. Daly, of South San Francisco, and he had the pleasure of a personal greeting from his parents within a few minutes after his arrival. Others in the first group of enlisted men were S/Sgt. Lawrence M. Hall, Sgt. Raymond C. Baker, Jr., Corporals Thomas E. McCarthy, Gerald R. Gingras, Ray D. Freston, Llewellyn T. Doull, Privates First Class James H. Jacobs, Nathan E. Hardy, Eleite Gutierrez, John E. Chambers, Andrew F. Baumgartner, and Privates William T. Brewer, Joseph D. Fulkerson, Adelbert F. Holman, and Joseph J. Kulas.

The members of the Canadian Army were Riflemen Alfred A. Arsenault, George F. Aumont, Morgan I. Davies, and Private Harry Gyselman.

Other arrivals are expected at frequent intervals both by ship and by plane until all of the liberated

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Colonel LUTHER R. MOORE, MC.
Service Command Surgeon who was nominated for promotion to Brigadier General this week.

Colonel Moore Nominated for Promotion

The name of Colonel Luther R. Moore, M. C., who has been Service Command Surgeon for the Ninth Service Command since November of last year, was one of the six medical officers nominated for promotion to the grade of Brigadier General this week.

Colonel Moore has been closely identified with Letterman in the past and was the Chief of the Radiological Service here for four years prior to 1941 when he was assigned to duty as Surgeon of the Alaska command and stayed there three years. He was commanding officer

of Woodrow Wilson General Hospital just before coming to his present post.

Other medical officers nominated for promotion to brigadier general are Colonel Sidney L. Chappell, commanding officer of England General Hospital, and former Lettermanite; Colonel Robert M. Hardaway, Bushnell General Hospital; Colonel Clyde McK Beck, Thayer General Hospital; Colonel Edward A. Noyes, Surgeon for the Fifth Service Command, and Colonel William C. Meninger, Psychiatric Consultant to the Surgeon General.

Anderson Withdraws Criticism of Dibble Conditions

Col. Paul H. Streit, M.C., commanding the Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park, Calif., has been completely exonerated from criticism directed against the institution in connection with treatment of blind veterans. Col. Streit and his staff were exonerated by the author of the charges, Representative Jack Z. Anderson of California.

Mr. Anderson took occasion to submit charges, based on letters received from citizens of Menlo Park, to the House Military Affairs Committee that the blind veterans at Dibble General Hospital were being neglected.

In order to emphasize his charges in the House, on June 26, during consideration of the military appropriation bill, he stated that he had a long distance telephone message from "a close personal friend," who told him that the blind patients were being "treated more or less like social outcasts," and asserted that "if it were not for the activities of some of our service clubs and interested citizens of that area those blind patients would not be receiving any real recognition at all."

Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, upon learning of the charges made by Representative Anderson, wrote him that, in his opinion, the hospital was very fine and well conducted, and invited him to make a personal visit to the hospital and learn, at first hand, whether or not his charges were justified.

To his credit, Mr. Anderson did just that. In company with Dr. Frederick C. Cordes, a noted civilian ophthalmologist and professor of ophthalmology at the University of California Medical School, he talked

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Carmen Ungaro Has Plenty to Remember from Okinawa

"Take that ridge!" were the orders, and three battalions of the 381st Infantry Regiment of the 96th Division moved forward.

The first battalion went first. There was no enemy in sight. The Japs were there all right, but they were holed in in caves, hidden behind holes only large enough to allow room for the barrel of a rifle. As the Americans moved forward, the Japs, their rifle sights upon them, aimed carefully, making each round of ammunition count.

There was no smoke from those guns to disclose the hideouts (the Japs used smokeless powder) . . . there were only the staccato echoes of rifle shots, as one by one the men of that first battalion fell.

"Heavy casualties!" was how American war bulletins from Okinawa read that day.

The American artillery dropped a smoke screen then to allow the medics time to go in and carry the wounded back to the battalion aid station.

The second battalion moved up to join the remnants of the first; they succeeded in rounding one side of the ridge.

Up came the third battalion and rounded the other side of the ridge.

By nightfall, the ridge was in American hands. Heavy casualties, yes. But a general's orders had been obeyed, the objective reached, and a grateful regimental commander sent in a recommendation to his division commander for a distinguished unit citation "for exemplary action against the enemy . . ."

That was last June 15, on Okinawa.

Among those who fell in that first battalion push was a young Massachusetts man, Private First Class Carmen Ungaro, 19, who, in spite of a very slight stature, had learned to handle a BAR rifle well during 11 months of infantry service.

At Ungaro's side hung his grenade pouch containing three hand grenades. A Jap rifle sighted that pouch and a bullet touched off the detonator to a phosphorous grenade. The flash which resulted from the explosion sent Ungaro to the ground, temporarily blinded.

When the smoke screen was laid by the artillery and the medics carried him back to the aid station, phosphorous was eating away more than 20 per cent of the skin from the boys' body.



Pfc. CARMEN UNGARO, Inf.
Who helped cut Okinawa in two with the 96th Division

Carmen Ungaro has been at Letterman since July 22 now. From battalion aid station to blood plasma station, to field hospital, to hospital ship USS Solace and the U. S., was a matter of days only. Phosphorous burns go deep and treatment must begin quickly.

During the past two months he has been undergoing surgery at the rate of an operation a week, while half a dozen Letterman surgeons, under the direction of Lieut. Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., Chief of Surgical Service, grafted skin to his right side and arm, taking the skin, a drum at a time, from Carmen's left side, to cover his right side.

Does it hurt? Ask Carmen. But he takes it.

Already five drums (approximately 100 square inches of skin) have been grafted. During the next three weeks four more drums will cover him, claims Capt. Park, who is also Ungaro's ward officer. Long before Thanksgiving, Carmen Ungaro will be whole again and on his way across the continent to Chelsea, Mass. where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ungaro, four elder sisters

and his eldest brother, Nicholas, are waiting to greet "the baby of the family." Nick has just been discharged from the army.

Another big brother, Lieutenant Ralph Ungaro of the infantry, was killed in the Battle of Luxembourg early this year.

Carmen Ungaro began getting acquainted with fireworks, but not the Okinawa kind, as far back as 19 years ago, because he was born on July 4, in the days before authorities began enforcing a Fourth sans fireworks.

Massachusetts raised, he attended Chelsea schools, graduating from Chelsea High just four months before he entered the service last September.

Last summer and several summers before he worked in defense.

He went overseas as a "casual" on February 22, joining the 381st Infantry just in time to get in on the invasion of Okinawa Easter Sunday. It was his regiment's assignment to cut the island in two.

From his bed in room 3 of "F" Ward at Letterman, Carmen told of his last days on Okinawa, costly but

victorious days, which, the Japanese now admit, first taught them they had lost the war.

"We had one heck of a swell regimental commander," Carmen recalls. "Colonel Cassidy . . . only we called him 'Screaming Mike' Cassidy, because he'd get screaming mad whenever a guy skylighted himself and in any way endangered his life. And then 'Screaming Mike' would go right out and skylight himself to the enemy. He was always up in the front lines looking things over; he wasn't scared of anything."

Another 381st man whom Carmen remembers more than fondly is Staff Sergeant Peter Grange from "somewhere in Minnesota."

"I wish I had his address," says Carmen, "all my addresses were in my wallet which was in my pocket on my right side the day I was hit," he explained, "but I'd give a lot to find Pete."

"Pete was right beside me that afternoon. He stayed with me until the medics arrived. I couldn't see a thing and I was sure I'd been blinded. I kept asking Pete to feel my face. He'd run his hands over my face because there was so much smoke he couldn't see me. Then Pete would cuss like anything and tell me:

"Your face hasn't been burned. It feels okay. Open your eyes."

"And I'd open my eyes and I still couldn't see and I'd make him feel my eyes to make sure, and Pete would go all over my face and eyes again, carefully, and then he'd cuss another blue streak.

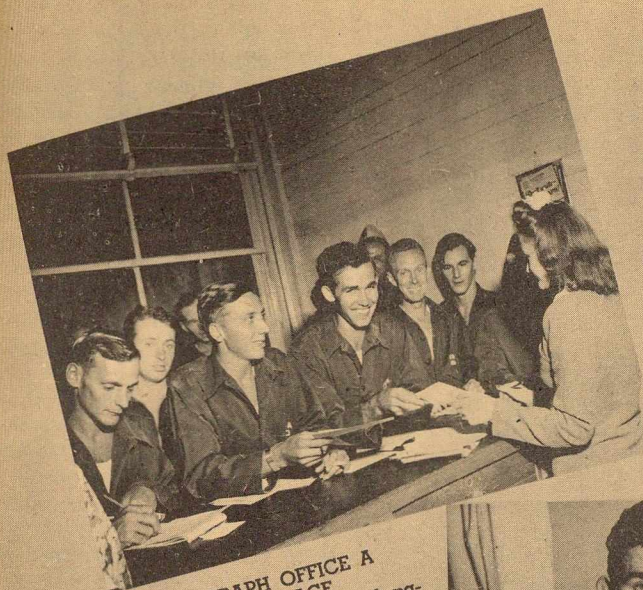
"Hell, boy, you're okay, I tell you, he'd shout, 'you're okay!' and he was almost crying.

"The skin on my body and my arm was already hardening and cracking with the heat of the phosphorus. Pretty soon the medics arrived and carried me back of the lines. And that's the last I saw of Pete . . . good old Pete. . . ."

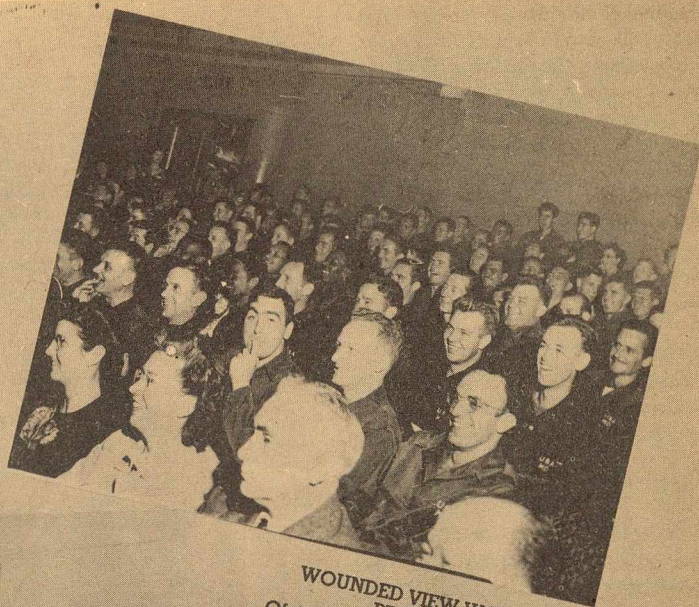
Carmen was interrupted just then by his wardmaster who had come in to tell him the sun was out, and would he like to have his bed wheeled out into the patio for a sun-bath?

Would he? You bet! . . . "I've got to get me a good California suntan to show the folks back in Chelsea," grinned Carmen, as they wheeled him out.—Marie E. Field.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK PICTURED HERE



TELEGRAPH OFFICE A BUSY PLACE
After every ship's arrival with patients from overseas.



WOUNDED VIEW WORLD PREMIER
Of film "First Yank in Tokyo" at the Golden Gate theatre in San Francisco. Photo furnished thru courtesy of San Francisco "Examiner."

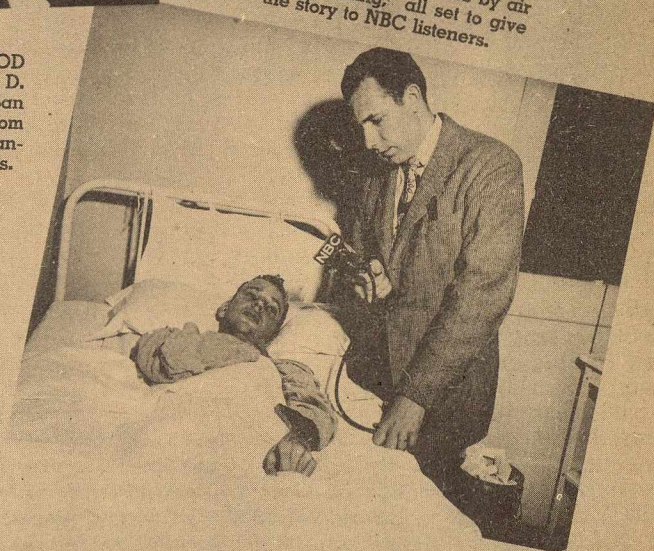


TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES ENTERTAIN
Putting on a sparkling show for the patients five employees of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company won much applause; L to R—Harold Cooper, Georgia Morrison, Betty Sauter, Doris Sether, and Syd Worthington.

READY FOR THE AIR COAST TO COAST
Pic. Edward E. Blom, who came home from the Philippines by air in an "iron lung," all set to give the story to NBC listeners.



FRESH MILK TASTES SO GOOD
To Pic. Robert D. Day, of South San Francisco, back from four years in Japanese prison camps.



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EDITORIAL

THE ATOMIC BOMB

Not only does it explode atoms. It is exploding a lot of old ideas.

You've heard people say, "War is human nature. There will always be wars as long as the world lasts." Well, now that we have the atomic bomb, these prophets may need only one more war to make their prophecy come true. Because if we do have one more war, it's quite likely that that's just how long the world will last.

And there are the isolationists. They say, "What do we want with foreign entanglements? Let's just dig into our continent and mind our own business." Well, unless we achieve a stable peace we will have to dig into our continent. Literally dig. We'll have to live underground like moles in upside-down skyscrapers for fear that some enemy nation will get hold of the formula, and get itchy fingers.

And then there are the pessimists who say, "World government is impossible" and the nationalists who say, "For goodness sake let's not give up any of our sovereignty." Well, think of this one: the atomic bomb that annihilated Hiroshima is just a baby. It's the model T, the "horseless carriage" of atomic bombs. When they start turning them out on all 12 cylinders, streamlined and slick—ia may very well be that without world government the world will be impossible,



The Royal Victoria Hospital at Southampton, England, which was dedicated by Florence Nightingale, inspired many a poem from American nurses of the 28th General Hospital stationed there, reports 2nd Lt. Virginia L. Warren, one of them.

Lt. Warren, who joined LGH last week, spent 14 months in England, most of them at Southampton and Dorchester County. She has an interesting sidelight on the Royal Victoria Hospital.

It appears that Florence Nightingale condemned the hospital soon after she dedicated it, on the grounds that it had poor lighting. At the time it was planned, designs were also being made for a hospital at Bombay (which was to have been erected on the West side of the water, windows facing East). The plans were mixed, Southampton getting the hospital intended for Bombay, and at Southampton the windows fast West.

But Lt. Warren loved everything about England, she avers, and this in spite of the fact that she comes from New Smyrna, Florida.

From 2½ years in India, with stations at Calcutta and Karachi, comes 2nd Lt. Joan L. Niskanen to join LGH staff September 8. However, let anyone try to light her recollections anywhere near India just now.

Just back from leave, she has only one pet topic: her brand new husband, Jimmy Bryant, ex-Marine, whom she met four years ago in Portland, Maine. Jimmy was with the first Marine division on Guadalcanal, served on the ill-fated USS Yorktown. Lt. Niskanen Bryant's home will henceforth be Visalia, California, she says.

First Lieutenant Elizabeth L. McCubbins of Salesbury, N. C., who reported to LGH September 11 wearing the ETO Victory Patch, served 16 months in England. With the 94th General Hospital just outside the much-bombed Bristol, she witnessed some pretty tough dog fights in the air.

First Lieutenant Adelaide N. Ram-

and sovereignty may well be exploded into vapor just as the steel tower in New Mexico was vaporized when the bomb was first tested.



New twin silver bars on the shoulder loop of Captain John C. Burke, the amiable ward officer on C-1. Congratulations.

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A letter from the Mayor of San Francisco commending the members of our WAC band on their appearance, and performance in the Victory Celebration parade on Sunday last.

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Colonel Durward G. Hall, Director of Personnel in the office of the Surgeon General, pausing here on his way out to Tokyo and way stations.

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An ASF circular with this admonition "Class X clothing will no longer be generated." Huh?

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Another letter from Major Douglas S. Throwell still cleaning up Munich and environs.

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Corporal Helen D. Wilson completely out of touch with reality since being advised that her Navy lieutenant husband will make port this week.

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Lieut. Col. Eugene D. Mullins,

sey of Hollister, Calif., managed to cover plenty of ground between September 20, 1943 and June 21, 1945, as nurse attached to the First Auxiliary Surgical Group. She served all over England, entered France last September, went into Belgium and Germany with her group. Before going over she served at Moffet Field and Chico, Calif. LGH got her September 10.

Another Californian, 1st Lt. Mary G. Ward of Cambria, who came here wearing an Asiatic Pacific ribbon for the New Guinea campaign, has 36 months of overseas duty on her record. She served first with the 105th General at Gatton near Brisbane, Australia and went from there to Biak with the 92nd Evacuation Hospital, evacuation center for all the Philippine casualties.

Second Lieutenant Patricia Milloy of Tacoma, Wash., one of the original group of eight nurses assigned here from Fort Lewis, finally caught up with her friends September 6, following 19 days spent in the Madigan General Hospital up north.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 16, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Deranian Departs

1st Lieut. Vaughn R. Deranian, one of our stalwarts in the Reconditioning Division, completed two years to the day as a Lettermanite when he left on Thursday to join the 104th Infantry Division at Camp San Luis Obispo. He joined us on 13 Sept. 1943.

The lieutenant did a good job of everything assigned him and he leaves a host of friends here who wish him well in the new outfit.

G. I. Jill.

All the men who have been cheered by the voice of G. I. Jill while they were overseas, got a chance to hear her at closer range yesterday. Jill was in San Francisco for a few days, and put on a special broadcast dedicated to the men at Letterman and U. S. Naval Hospital at Treasure Island.

The owner of KJBS made an hour available to her, and Jill breezed through a program of recording especially requested by the boys in the wards.

Junior Officers Dance

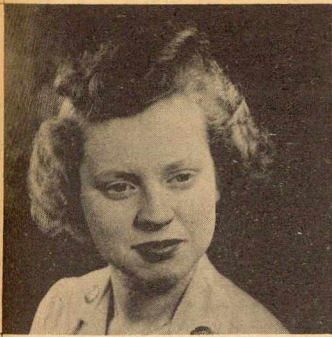
The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-el most cordially invites officers to the dance, which is to be held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, September 22nd at 9 p. m. Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Blvd. Junior hostesses will welcome you.

Public Relations Officer for the Ninth Service Command, here to lend a hand with the reception of the liberated personnel.

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Indications that all married nurses may be released from active duty on request.

WAC OF THE WEEK



VIRGINIA PASTULA
Technician, 4th Grade

There's a bit of a difference between trilling the high notes of an operetta score and rubbing tired, apathetic muscles back to life and vitality, but T/5th Gr. Virginia Pastula has made the jump and likes it.

Virginia, one of the comparatively new aides in the physiotherapy department, has been interested in music since high school days when she began, in the traditional way, singing in the glee club and went on to bigger and better things—vocal participation in spring festivals and school productions and representation of her Michigan high school at the state university and normal school.

The blonde Wac's big chance came though when she was trying out for high school production of the operetta "Pinafore." She got the part but that's not the point, or only part of it. Against 25 competing students, Virginia and another girl were chosen by NBC talent scouts to join with professional singers in forming a choral background for semi-weekly radio broadcasts.

For a year Virginia took part in the broadcasts. "I loved it; it's an exciting life," she recalled but she also recalled that, when her announcer wanted to audition her in New York, she refused.

What after the army, music or physiotherapy? Virginia was asked and she had a ready answer. "I like to be able to observe how my patient is improving. It's physiotherapy."

Los Angeles (CNS)—Dr William Campbell, dean of the University of Southern California School of Education, had some odd ideas on lovemaking according to the divorce testimony of his wife. He insisted, she claimed, on making love at all hours of the day. "On many occasions," Mrs Campbell added, "such a course of conduct was embarrassing."

INSURANCE SALES OFFER PROMISING FIELD FOR POST WAR CAREER JOBS

By Camp Newspaper Service

One of a Series on Post-War Opportunities
If you're interested in a field where you can be your own boss, without layoffs or slack seasons, and where your age is no factor in success, you might consider the insurance business.

Most anything can be insured, from jewelry to rainfall, but the biggest thing in the field is life insurance, with \$153,000,000,000 worth of insurance in force by mid-1945.

There was a time not so long ago, when insurance sales was a field for failures in other lines. They became representatives of one of the big companies, sold to their friends, and just managed to get along.

The big companies, however, became conscious of the disadvantages of such a system—or lack of system. They began selecting personnel more carefully, and employed scientific tests to find the qualities they thought desirable. These are: a faculty for meeting and getting along with people; an ability to manage and budget one's own time; a friendly interest in people and their problems; and a resistance to easy discouragement (a lot of prospects are not sold).

Salesmen Get Training

Nowadays, companies give salesmen training and do everything possible to put them on their feet. Salesmen start out with a salary plus commissions, so that they can get along before they begin to produce. The greatest opportunity for ex-servicemen, according to Raymond C. Johnson, assistant vice-president of New York Life, is in the selling field, but there are also other positions, mainly in home offices, such as accountants, actuaries, statisticians, adjustment and claim work, and so on.

According to the Institute of Life Insurance, sales have risen sharply during the 5-year period after each war, as follows: 250% after the Civil War; 70% after the Spanish-American War; 90% after World War I. Moreover,

sales have been going up steadily since the bottom of the depression, from 98 billions of insurance in force in 1933 to the present level of 153 billion. A continued rise, plus a post-war following the historical pattern, is expected.

Some 15,000,000 ex-servicemen will have held National Service Life Insurance when the war emergency and occupation period are over, and insurance executives regard them as good prospects. They say that it is an axiom of the business that the toughest thing is to sell a man his first policy. Sales should be easier with so many men having learned of the value of insurance, they believe.

Much insurance will also be sold to supplement social security. A man who would retire on social security benefits at 55 could not live on an income of, say \$100 a month, but if it were supplemented with a private annuity, he could.

Companies Need Men

Insurance companies nowadays are badly depleted, and many services have been temporarily curtailed. With the easing of the labor market, these activities will be resumed, and considerable expansion is anticipated.

All these factors indicate that the outlook in the field is a bright one, though no one is prepared to say exactly how many employees will be hired.

And there's this to be said: insurance does not require a long preparation or any investment, your returns are commensurate with the work you put into it, and old age will not destroy your earning power. Concretely, if a salesman can find one man a week who will put \$120 a year into life insurance, his first year earnings will average about \$250 a month, and there will be subsequent potential earnings of about the same amount.

Men interested should write the agency director of one or more companies at their home office, or visit the local branch office or general agent.

gratulated Col. Streit and members of his staff.

Col. Streit commented:

"Now that Representative Anderson has visited the hospital and personally inspected the facilities for the blind, it is indeed a pleasure to know that he agrees 100 per cent with my previously expressed opinion on this program.

"I want to commend Mr. Anderson for his courageous act in admitting his previous error. It is never easy to admit an error, and he deserves and has my sincere admiration."

—ARMY & NAVY REGISTER

ON THE SPOT



HUBERT S. WORCESTER
Tech. Sergeant, Inf.

T/Sgt. Hubert S. Worcester, wounded three times in the Pacific—twice on Okinawa and awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism under enemy fire on Leyte, is back in the United States after 15 months overseas with the 77th Infantry Division.

The husky, 27-year-old combat veteran was a platoon sergeant, and before that a squad leader, in a rifle company of the famous "Statue of Liberty" Division, which fought on Guam, Leyte, and nine tiny islands of the Kerama group in the Ryukyus before landing on Okinawa.

In an interview at Letterman, the sergeant, from Jonesport, Maine, told with reluctance of the action on Leyte for which he received the Bronze Star. He was cited for leading his squad in wiping out two Jap machinegun positions.

"Another company of our battalion had advanced beyond the rest, and was cut off when the Japs slipped in and occupied two machinegun nests," he explained. "I took my squad around one flank and we knocked out the machinegun from up close with hand grenades and rifle fire."

His first wound occurred on Leyte, where he was struck in the right arm and shoulder by fragments of an artillery shell. It was not serious, however, and two days later he was back in combat. The second wound, by a Nip sniper on Okinawa, didn't give him even that much trouble. It was a flesh wound in the back of the right leg, and the sergeant continued in action after bandaging it himself.

"But the third one stopped me," he laughed. "We were attacking, when I was hit in the left arm by fragments of a Jap mortar shell. I walked back to where our medical aid men were, and from there to the aid station."

MORE ABOUT CHARGES WITHDRAWN

with the patients and inspected the facilities. When the inspection was completed he stated he was ready to retract his charges, apologize, and give the hospital the highest praise he was capable of giving.

Mr. Anderson said: "I am fairly convinced that the Commanding Officer and his staff have been subjected to unwarranted and unjustifiable criticism."

Local papers state that he con-

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Pvt. Eva Ezell, lying back-down in her private room on Ward G, is pondering a problem this week that has questions of world affairs looking like models of simplicity.

Eva, about this time last week, was to have been the bride of Pfc. M. J. Tomlin, Presidio soldier with Aleutian Island service behind him and prospects of a discharge immediately ahead.

But something described poetically as fate and realistically as spinal meningitis took a hand and Eva, August 23, took to a hospital bed. She was placed in isolation and, through a specially cut hole in the screen, received her diamond engagement ring.

So far, so good—or bad. But the problem is this, pure and far from simple. "Tommy's" discharge is due any day now; Eva is still in the hospital and has no idea when she'll be out; unless she is married before he becomes a civilian, Eva will be unable to get her own discharge according to the loopholeless terms of the regulation allowing Wacs to be discharged if their returned soldier husbands request it. But they have to be soldiers.

The meeting is open to suggestions.

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Roundabout—T/5th Gr. Ruby Guimont and Gladys Olson, who have been together for nine years of civilian life and army life, will take their furloughs to Minneapolis late this month.

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Pvt. Frances J. Schnatterly is now Mrs. Jim Bowman; she was married last week to the WDC soldier; a diamond ring last Saturday and a T/4th Gr. rating Monday are the record of events for Cora B. Eggleston; transferred down to the newly opened Crissy annex to assist with incoming liberated prisoners of the Japanese are Pvts. Evelyn H. Wadsworth and Elaine B. Alpaugh; T/5th Gr.'s Mary Jane Maytham, Elizabeth Williamson and Ruth Willert and T/4th Gr. Marilyn Kennedy.

New York (CNS)—Bankguard James Sweeney found \$1000 in bills of varying denomination on the floor of the bank he was guarding recently. Honest James turned in the dough and—when nobody claimed the grand—got it all back. Moral: If you want to get rich, become a bank dick.

GOING TO SLEEP IS NOT TOO EASY UNDER THE EYES OF LIEUT. REANIER



1st Lieut. FRANCES REANIER, ANC.,
Who was among the early arrivals on Saipan

The day that full shipments of whole blood plasma were finally flown into Saipan, the happiest person on the island, next to the patients, was 1st Lt. Frances Reanier, Army Nurse Corps. Until then, she had worried and fretted over the constantly dwindling supply, and had set up a rotation system of blood donors from among the other nurses stationed there with her.

Frances spent 14 months on Saipan, arriving there shortly after the island fell to the American forces. There weren't any buildings, so tents and more tents were pitched and officially titled the 148th General Hospital. The island was still overrun with Japs, and Frances says they were constantly creeping through our lines to snag packages of "K" rations.

Her most frightening experience came the night she and her date were jeeping along a jungle path. They stopped when they heard a patrol of men approaching, then froze in their places when they realized the soldiers were Japs. Their immobility, says Frances, saved

them from certain annihilation, because the nervous boys thought they had encountered an armed American patrol and scattered in all directions without bothering to come closer!

Frances' specialty is anaesthesia—and the boys say it's a pleasure, looking deep into those blue Reanier eyes before going under. She was stationed at Letterman before going overseas in June, 1942. She returned on exactly the same day—June first—three years later, and was honestly thrilled to hear she had been assigned to this same station again. One of the things she's most happy about is being "smart enough not to sell my car," so as soon as she gets leave, she'll be taking off along paved highways, just the way she dreamed it would be.

Frances says she won't mind stopping in some leafy dell to eat her meals on this wondrous trip—but she will draw the line at camping out over night, and will never sleep in a tent again unless she just has to.

MEDICAL DETACH

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the "duration" has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to War Department Separation Centers since 26 August 1945: T/Sgt. Robert J. McHenry, Camp Beale, Calif., 9 Sept. 1945; S/Sgt. Mabry A. Van Dyne, Fort MacArthur, Calif., 9 Sept. 1945; S/Sgt. George Zardeneta, Fort MacArthur, Calif., 31 Aug. 1945; S/Sgt. Jacob E. Bott, Camp Beale, Calif., 31 Aug. 1945; S/Sgt. Fred M. Smith, Camp Beale, Calif., 31 Aug. 1945; Sgt. Paul P. Hecht, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Sgt. Baker B. Britton, Camp Beale, Calif., 3 Sept. 1945; Sgt. Addison D. Lewis, Camp Beale, Calif., 8 Sept. 1945; T/4th Gr. Rex P. Davis, Fort MacArthur, Calif., 30 Aug. 1945; Cpl. Benjamin Weitz, Fort Dix, N. J., 27 Aug. 1945; Cpl. Philip Busalacchi, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Cpl. Carl W. Hoffsneider, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; T/5th Gr. Randall K. Rumble, Fort MacArthur, Calif., 30 Aug. 1945; T/5th Gr. Harold R. Gillispie, Camp Beale, Calif., 31 Aug. 1945; T/5th Gr. Joseph E. Gobert, Camp Beale, Calif., 31 Aug. 1945; T/5th Gr. Henry N. Miller, Camp Beale, Calif., 8 Sept. 1945; Pfc. Frank E. Ballard, Camp Chaffee, Ark., 28 Aug. 1945; Pfc. Braley T. Hart, Camp Blanding, Fla., 1 Sept. 1945; Pfc. Arthur L. Horn, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 1 Sept. 1945; Pfc. Fred E. Brandt, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pfc. Raymond Galvan, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pfc. Russell E. Maw, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pfc. George M. Vale, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pfc. George G. Young, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pfc. Panfilo B. Aproda, Fort MacArthur, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pfc. Thomas L. Manker, Fort MacArthur, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pvt. Carmin J. Donnanduono, Fort Dix, N. J., 27 Aug. 1945; Pvt. Robert E. Lee, Fort Bragg, N. C., 28 Aug. 1945; Pvt. Alva E. Adams, Camp Beale, Calif., 2 Sept. 1945; Pvt. Roy H. McCauley, Camp Beale, Calif., 3 Sept. 1945; Pvt. Arthur L. Watson, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 7 Sept. 1945.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

Looking crisp and fresh in her white uniform, **Maud Crumley** will be able to cope with anything after her rest at Long Beach. Toward the end of her visit, her Air Corps nephew appeared out of the wide blue yonder and caused no end of excitement among the relatives. The young Lieutenant is a navigator on a B-29. He participated in the African campaign and in the last raid on Tokyo. Richard Tregaskis, the famed news correspondent, tells the story of Lt. Colman's group in a series of articles in one of our leading weekly magazines.

Two members of the Dental Branch are on leave. **Eulalia Beebe**, who is in Pinecrest and **Emily Knepp**, who is visiting her home in Pennsylvania. Emily was lucky enough to get air transportation all the way. She plans to drive her car back, now that gas rationing has ceased. Shades of a post-war world!

Our report from the Laundry is a bit confused, due to **Pearly Bills'** uncoordinated state of mind over the imminent return of her husband from the ETO. But we did learn that **Anna Ahrens**, one of the top-notch press room operators is away and **Ludy Calloway** finally got her well-earned leave. **Alexander Alsop** and **Gertrude Arata** are back with the force. **Anita Vickery** is visiting a brand new grand-daughter, who was born just in time for Anita's leave.

From the library, we hear that **Alfreda Matthews'** husband flew in to Hamilton Field and is progressing rapidly at Hammond General Hospital.

Gus Teves is carrying on alone at the book-bindery. It seems that his able assistant, **Diana Carter**, is temporarily disabled. She fell and broke her arm and we hope to see her again soon.

Remember, you're not a member of our team unless you have a needle prick on your right arm to prove that you've had your blood typed down at the Lab. The hours are from 0800 to 1500 from Monday to Friday, inclusive.

McKeesport, Pa (CNS)—**Angelina Lucente** is out to break her own world-record for continuous hiccupping. In 1943 she gagged on a mackerel and hiccupped 50 days. Recently a herring bone became lodged in her craw and she started off again.

CALIFORNIANS A REAL HELP TO FAMOUS NEW YORK "LIBERTY" DIVISION



Pfc. JESSE L. D. FLOWERS
Winner of Bronze Star for heroic achievement on Okinawa

Although the 77th Infantry (Statue of Liberty) Division is nominally a New York outfit, three of the five men awarded Bronze Star Medals for an action on Okinawa's Chocolate Drop Hill were Californians.

Pfc. Jesse L. D. Flowers, of R.F.D. 5, Bakersfield, told the story at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, where he was recovering from a minor operation performed overseas.

"All five of us were from the same squad," he related. "The two other California men were Pfc. Jim Cook, from Fresno, and Pfc. Jack Salmon, from somewhere in the Imperial Valley. Cook was second man on our machinegun. I was first gunner.

"It was one of the days when the artillery seemed heaviest. It kept up steady through most all of that part of the campaign.

"We were putting out fire for the rifle company we were attached to, while it and a couple of others were pushing against Shuri Ridge. What we got the Bronze Star for was rescuing a wounded man who was run-

ning around in a daze out in the open in front of us.

"Salmon and I went out and got him down behind a rock. The others dug up a stretcher one of them had spotted, partly buried in a shell hole. One of them was wounded, but not very bad, while they were getting it. He was the only one who got a scratch during the whole thing.

"After we got the stretcher, we carried the man back to the supply dump, where there was a jeep to take him back to a hospital. Then we loaded up with ammunition back there and made the trip back to our positions through the same kind of artillery fire. I wouldn't want to try it again."

The 19-year-old machinegunner remembers his Fresno buddy for another tight situation.

That was just at twilight one night, when Private Cook was standing guard in their foxhole while the Bakersfield Doughboy got C rations ready for their supper.

"Cook looked around," he said, "just in time to see a Jap crawling up from behind us. He killed him with one lick. He hit that Nip so

The Stork Was Here

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John R. Sullivan, a son, **Patrick James**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 3 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. Samuel Farber, a daughter, **Ann Pauline**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 4 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Greggar P. Sletteland, a daughter, **Margaret Griffith**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 4 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. James P. McGuire, a daughter, **Patricia Jane**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 5 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William F. McDermott, a son, **Michael Francis**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 5 September.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Marion D. Bunch, a son, **John David**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 6 September.

To T/3rd Gr. and Mrs. John Lozinyak, a son, **John Charles**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 7 September.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Michael S. Parent, a daughter, **Patricia Dell**, weight 8 pounds and 6 ounces, born 7 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Henry B. Winitt, a daughter, **Wendy**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, born 8 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Jack H. Giessler, a son, **Jack Alan**, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces, born 8 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. John Wion, a daughter, **Michael Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 9 September.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert B. Pfusch, a daughter, **Bobbie Jean**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 9 September.

hard that Cook's carbine broke into three pieces. All night long his body was there at the edge of our hole."

Private Flowers, who is 19, entered the service last October. He went overseas in February, after basic training at the Camp Roberts California, Infantry Replacement Training Center, and joined the "Statue of Liberty" Division several weeks after the Okinawa campaign began. In addition to the Bronze Star Medal, for heroic achievement, he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action.



The Low-Down

As Radio Tokyo would put it, the position of the Phillies in the National League standings is "not altogether favorable." And neither is that of the Cincinnati Reds, the Boston Braves, or the Pittsburgh Pirates, who occupy 2d division berths on top of the cellar-dwelling Phils.

Upstairs in the attic, the Chicago Cubs are fighting off a last-mile drive by the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals, who are tearing the league apart in quest of their 4th consecutive pennant. The Cards have won 11 of their last 14 games with the Cubs and if you have any captured Jap currency in your poke, you might bet it on the Redlegs to sneak in with the bunting.

The Brooklyn Dodgers—sad to relate—are 3d, far off the pace but still in front of the New York Giants. This fact alone has given great pleasure to the 1,000,000 "leryel" fans who paid their way into the park to see our Bums in action this year. One of their number—a lady from Canarsie—recently ordered an Ebbets Field cop to arrest the umpire. "He just robbed the Dodgers!" she complained.

Lawton, Okla (CNS)—An ex-GI applied for his old job in a local factory. He worked one day, then walked out, leaving this note for the boss: "This work is harder than I remembered it. I won't be back."

Telephone Show

A varied program of entertainment was presented at Letterman on Thursday evening by a cast of five employees of the San Francisco office of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. This group has been touring Army and Navy camps throughout California and Nevada for the past two years.

The show has proved extremely popular which includes fast moving "Fun with Science" demonstrations in which the members of the audience participate and also skits and popular songs.

The cast is headed by Syd Worthington, Master of Ceremonies, and includes Betty Sauter, Doris Sether and Georgia Morrison. Harold Cooper is the technician who turns the knobs and brings the scientific gadgets to life.

Soldiers of The Ninth Service Command

We are members of a great army whose accomplishments have been magnificent. The aggressor nations which jeopardized both our national and individual existence have been defeated. We are proud, and justly so, of our share in the victory.

I recognize with you that service in the Army Service Forces has been often dull and tough and without material reward, but there is real satisfaction in knowing that our effort was vital to victory. Accept my congratulations on your contribution to our joint success.

The Army Service Forces continue to be important in the post-hostilities period. The work involved in training, supply, salvage, separation, care of prisoners and general maintenance will be done by soldiers of the service command units. We will maintain the high standards we ourselves have set.

Many are anxious to return to civilian life; be assured that the War Department is making every effort to insure that separation is both fair and rapid.

Wm. E. SHEDD,
Major General, U. S. A.,
Commanding.



Q. A guy in our outfit was ordered to button his shirt by a lieutenant. He didn't do so fast enough to suit the officer. As punishment the EM was ordered to go on a hike. This guy had just been read the Articles of War, and refused to comply. Was he within his rights?

A. AW 104 provides for additional fatigue duty as punishment for minor offenses, but such punishment may be meted out only after the accused has been apprised of his right to demand trial by court-martial, and of his right to appeal if he believes the punishment imposed is unfair. The Judge Advocate General has ruled that a practise march is "clearly a military duty and not in the nature of extra fatigue duty within the purview of AW 104. Courts-martial are prohibited from degrading military duties such as drill by imposing them as punishments. . . ."

Q. I'm awaiting my discharge on points. Meanwhile, I hear the railroads are hard up for manpower. What are the chances for a man without railroad experience?

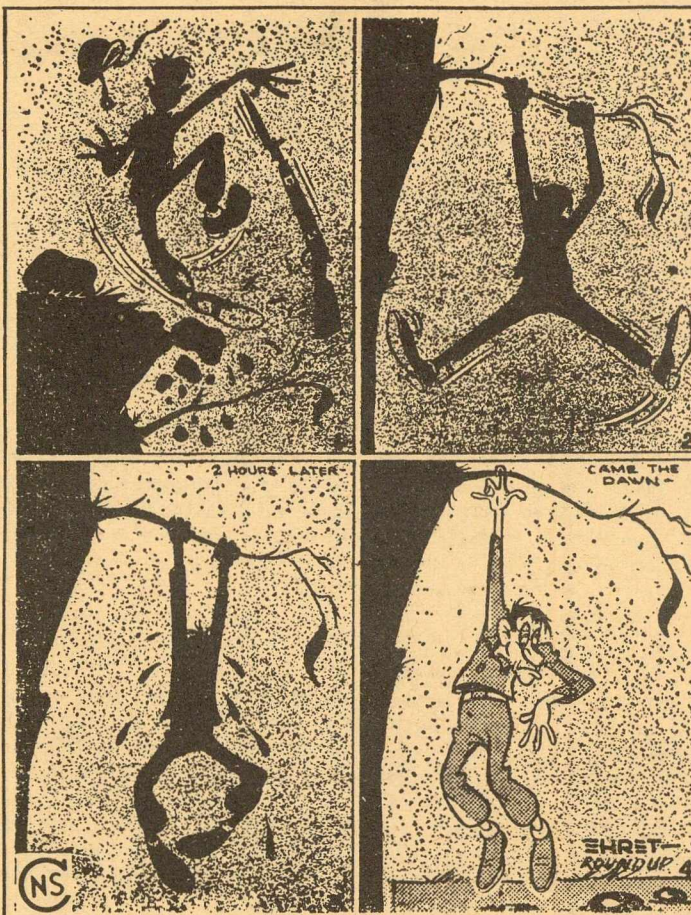
A. Pretty good. More than 24,000 vets are now filling vital jobs on the nation's railways, and not all of them were in that line before the war. The WD specifically states that many skills acquired in the army are needed by these carriers, and the roads also have 62,000 openings for unskilled workmen. Applicants should get in touch with the Railroad Retirement Board or the U. S. Employment Service.

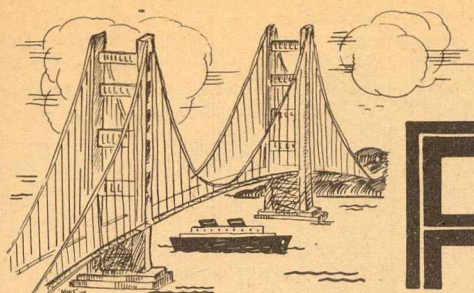
MORE ABOUT FIRST ENLISTED MEN

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personnel have been returned to the homeland. Letterman will receive all patients coming into Hamilton Field by air, while those coming in by ship will be distributed through the hospitals at Camp Haan, Tacoma, Washington, and Letterman.

Captain William R. Moody, MAC, has been designated as the officer in charge of the Liberated Prisoner of War Section here and will have supervision of all administrative affairs in connection with the processing of arrivals.





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First Group Leaves Letterman Thru Our Separation Point

The Separation Point established at Letterman this week lost no time in effecting the discharge of the first group of enlisted men on Thursday afternoon.

The departure of the men was the occasion of an informal ceremony in the patio at which Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, commanding general, thanked the men for their high quality of service to this command and wished them well in their new field of endeavor in civil life.

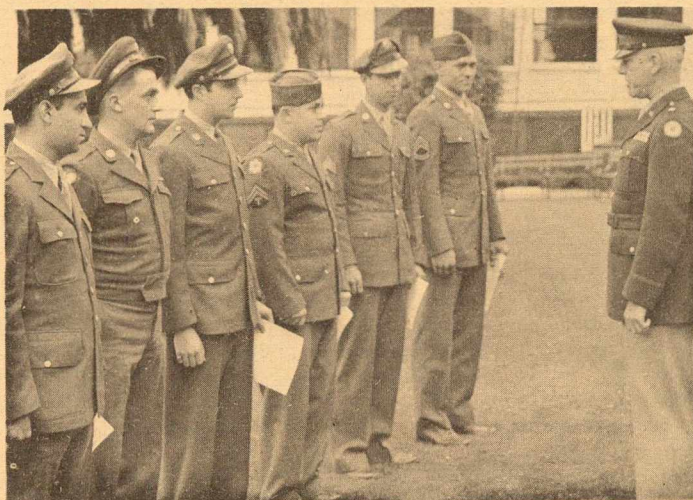
Lieut. George D. Dowling, Finance Officer, then handed the men their honorable discharges from the service and their final pay, as Lieut. Rogers M. Cox, officer in charge of the Separation Point, expressed the belief that in a matter of a few days a quota of fifty men will be released daily.

Those in the initial group to leave Letterman were: Technical Sergeant, Donald F. Allison, Sergeant Merle Frazee, Private First Class Elizardo R. Delgado, Technician 5th Grade, Victor H. Brown, Technician 5th Grade Daniel A. Gentili, and Technician 5th Grade Vincent J. Giambone.

The Letterman separation point will also handle the discharges of officers, nurses, and Wac officers of the command and the Hospital Train Unit 1960 SCU and under the recent announcement of the criteria for separation of Medical Department officers it is expected that many of those now here will be relieved from active duty long before the end of the year.

The administrative affairs of the separation process are handled in Room 214 on the second floor of the

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THE COMMANDING GENERAL SAYS AU REVOIR
To the first group of Letterman personnel released at our own separation point. Left to right T/5th Gr. Vincent J. Giambone, T/5th Gr. Daniel A. Gentili, T/5th Gr. Herbert J. Freedman, T/5th Gr. Victor H. Brown, Pfc. Elizardo R. Delgado, Sgt. Merle Frazee, T/Sgt. Donald F. Allison.

LIBERATED PRISONERS TO GET QUICK MEDICAL ATTENTION

Brigadier General Hugh J. Morgan, Chief Consultant in Medicine to The Surgeon General, has been named president of a board that

A special medical survey of all U. S. Army prisoners of war released in Japan and China will be made at ports of debarkation immediately upon arrival of the internees, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, announced today.

"The results of these examinations will determine whether the released prisoners need further medical care," General Kirk said. "Those who need additional attention will be transferred rapidly to Army hospitals where treatment will be started at once."

General Kirk added that the Army Medical Department will exert every effort to see that these returning heroes get the best medical care the country has to offer.

will put into effect plans for taking care of these returning internees, General Kirk said.

The surveys will be carried out under the supervision of this board as a joint activity of Army Service Forces and Army Air Forces doctors.

General Morgan said special terms of doctors and technicians will be stationed at ports of debarkation to aid the existing staff in the expeditious but careful medical examinations which will include the necessary laboratory studies. Specialists

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Col. Sargent and Lt. Col. Reidy Aid LPW Process

Colonel Charles Sargent, Military Personnel Division, AAF Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and Lt. Col. Daniel Reidy, Casualty Branch, from The Adjutant General's Office, arrived at Letterman this week to assist in the processing of liberated prisoners of war.

The two officers are already at work making arrangements for the civic welcome being planned for the special "Symbolic Group" of released prisoners arriving Tuesday, September 25.

The returnees, representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and especially selected for the occasion by General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz, will arrive at Hamilton Field by plane for a greeting by their relatives, brought here for the reunion.

They will then be taken to San Francisco for a parade and Civic Center ceremony presided over by Appellate Judge C. J. Goodell. Following the outdoor festivities, the group will then be feted with a luncheon.

In addition to planning the "Symbolic" welcome, Lt. Col. Reidy has been busy interrogating the liberatees that are here at Letterman now. As officer in charge of Repatriation Section, he is interested in procuring information concerning men listed as "missing" or "missing in action." In this way, his office in Washington is able many times to trace men heretofore thought to be dead. They then notify an extremely grateful family to that effect.

Col. Reidy said the casualty branch has about 2500 members in the department, which is open 24 hours a day.

War-Sketching Medic Tells Jap Prison Camp Experiences

There is no greater test of a man's integrity and courage than having to make a decision that literally means life or death to himself and those with him.

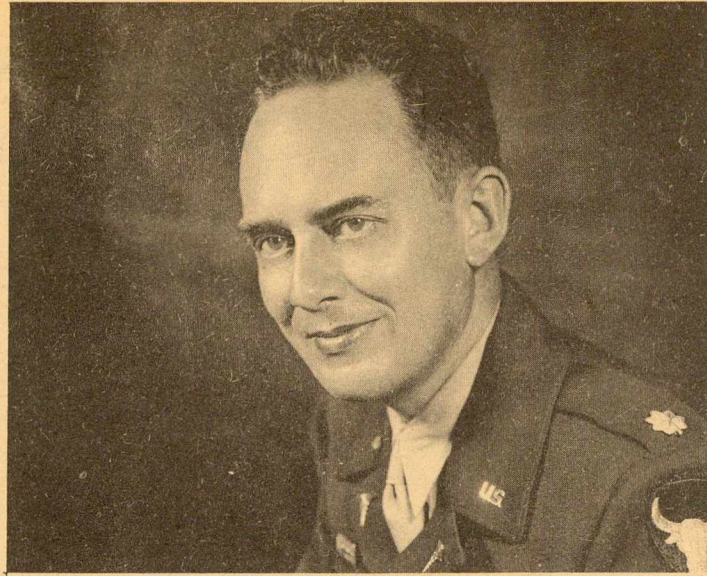
When the Japanese were getting ready to move our men from Cabanatuan to Bilibid, in October '42, Lt. Col. Eugene C. Jacobs, MC, was ordered to decide which men were too ill to travel. That meant they would be left behind to be saved by our rapidly advancing troops. The others would have to go on to a prison spot nearer to Japan, and Col. Jacobs spent some soul-searching hours before deciding who would have to be on that list. He, himself, was in no condition to travel, but he went anyway, so the men would have medical care during the trip.

The Army doctor became a prisoner of the Japanese June 20, 1942. He had arrived in the Philippines two years before, and was stationed at Sternberg Hospital in Manila. When war broke out, he was at Camp John Hay, Army Rest Camp at Baguio. Enemy bombs were falling within an hour after they heard the news, and Col. Jacobs said they were so stunned, they just stood and watched the death-dealing missiles hit the ground as close as thirty feet from them.

Three weeks later, his regiment was ordered to join our Northern Luzon forces. They never got through, and had to set up headquarters in grass huts back in the hills. They called themselves MacArthur's First Guerrilla Regiment, but this wasn't official, so they were designated as the 14th Infantry, Philippine Army. They stayed there, pitching their tents inside the leaky grass huts, until one month after our men were surrendered at Corregidor. General Wainwright sent Col. Kalakuka to get them, and during the trip down from the hills, Col. Jacobs and the other ten officers managed to "lose" most of their arms. The Colonel dropped his rifle and pistol in a river, then later in the day he scattered the ammunition, one bullet at a time, from the open cart in which he was riding.

As he said, "I made up my mind that no Americans were going to be killed with my gun."

When the men were installed at Cabanatuan, Col. Jacobs was made Chief of Medical Service and did all he could with completely inadequate supplies. There were 35 "wards"—



LT. COL. EUGENE JACOBS, M.C.
He sketched his war experiences

grass shacks, that housed about 20 to 100 patients each. There were no supplies given him at all the first year, and about 2500 out of 8000 died before medicine came. All the men were suffering from malaria and beri-beri, or combinations of various fevers. The men didn't think it could get any worse, but they didn't know then what was in store for them.

Then came the 21st of September, 1944, and about 1000 American planes roared over the camp. Few of the men would believe they were our planes, but Col. Jacobs assured them they were, and proved it when they came back an hour later. No Jap planes would have been heading out in the direction of the sea!

When the men saw the planes dropping bombs, they used every ounce of strength they had getting out into the compound to watch. Col. Jacobs said that if one were in the mood to be amused, it must have looked funny to see all the Japs cowering in foxholes while all the Americans stood outside, looking up and grinning from ear to ear.

The Japs decided to get moving after that, and it was then Col. Jacobs had to decide who was to go and who was to remain. He and the men were herded together and removed to Bilibid, where they were interned in cells without windows. Holes in shell windows provided ventilation and a small bit of view-

ing-space.

Col. Jacobs and hundreds of others suffered the tortures of dengue fever, dysentery, mosquito bites. Their hopes of salvation perked up a bit when our planes began bombing the area, but died quickly when, after 17 consecutive days without attack, due to typhoon weather, the Japs began processing them to make another move. They spent the next two months traveling to Japan.

The trip was a nightmare of unbelievable horror. Later, in the prison camp of Fukuoka, Col. Jacobs pencil-sketches some of the scenes that are permanently etched in his mind. They tell more than any printed word can—scenes of the ship being sunk, of the men's desperate attempts to swim ashore while Jap soldiers shot at them from the beach. Also in the collection are starkly grim line drawings of our men's bodies piled three or four deep in the hold of the ship, after it had been bombed several times en route.

There weren't many left alive by the time they reached Japan. One hundred and ten of them were taken to Moji Military Hospital, and one month later, only 34 were left. They were then transferred to Fukuoka No. 22, a mining camp in Manchuria.

By this time Col. Jacobs' weight had sunk to around 90, he had no muscles left at all, couldn't walk, and his arms were literally "skin and bones." Food was practically

non-existent and consisted mostly of a few spoons-full of rice liberally mixed with small sticks and stones.

Life had settled down to a meaningless routine and most of them were too weak to realize the significance of the report that 17 parachutes had been dropped from planes and were seen to land nearby.

Col. Jacobs said they finally realized that freedom might yet come to them when they were allowed to smoke other places in the camp than at the table—a strict rule until then. The men began staying up all night, playing poker, just to see how far they could go in defying the rules without being punished. The day they saw an American Major wandering around the area wearing side-arms, they thought it was strange, but were too dazed to realize the full significance of it.

Liberation came on the 20th of August, when the Russians came in. Our men watched while the Japs were lined up, and their arms taken away and given to about 100 of the stronger Americans. The situation became reversed in half an hour—Americans were guarding the Japanese, who were now doing the same work our men had been doing earlier that day.

Freedom was wonderful, but almost too much to comprehend!

During all this time, Mrs. Jacobs had only seven post-cards from her husband. The men were allowed to send one every few months, but unless every rule about wording was observed, the Japs just tore them up.

After December 13, which is when Col. Jacobs left the Philippines, she received no word at all and didn't know if he had survived until the good news came a few weeks ago. He arrived at Letterman September 13.

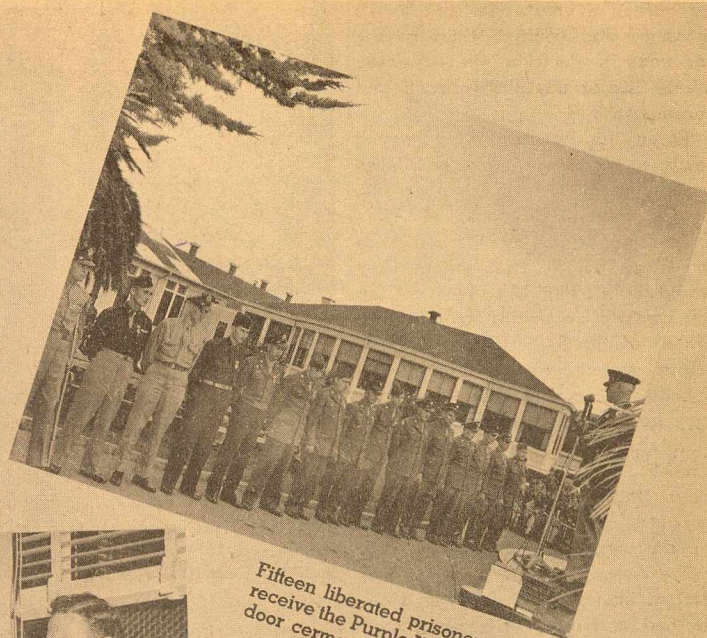
They plan to go to Chicago to visit his family, and then will return to Washington, D. C. Col. Jacobs will take a long rest, but he's feeling so much better already, he's beginning to want to do a little work.

"American food—that's what did it!" he says, then smiles and thinks back to his first taste in years of a strictly American product—a chocolate candy bar. He ate a whole box of Baby Ruth's when he reached civilization, and while he now pales a bit at the sight of one, he says he still likes them!

AWARDS PREDOMINATE THIS WEEK AT LETTERMAN



Three Purple Hearts and a Soldier's Medal are presented to T-4 Herman W. Hartman, Lt. Col. Arthur C. Peterson, Cpl. Arthur H. Selvig, and PFC Cecil E. Purdy by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman.

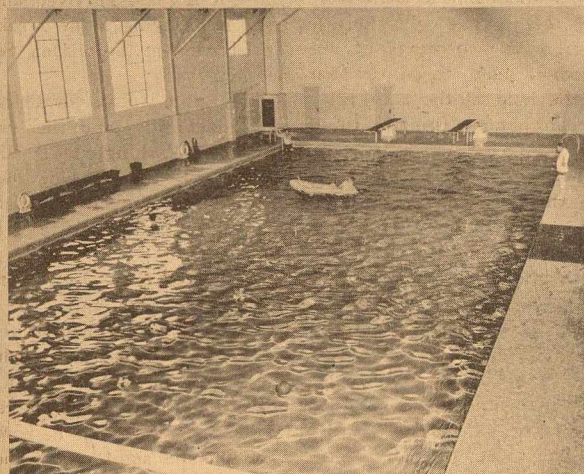


Fifteen liberated prisoners of war receive the Purple Heart in an outdoor ceremony Wednesday morning.

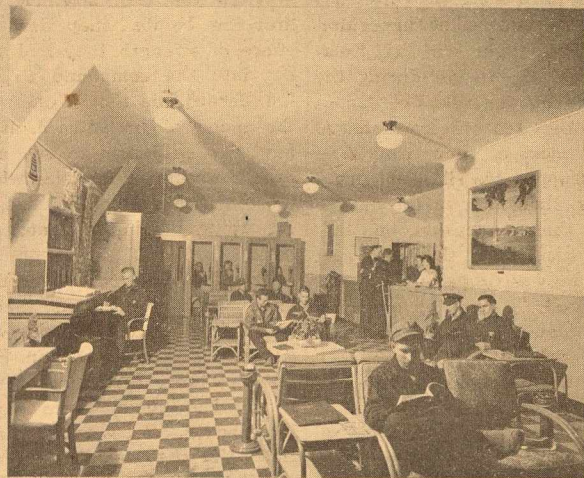


Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman congratulates T-4 Herman W. Hartman after awarding him with the Soldier's Medal.

A picture of Letterman's swimming pool in one of its quiet moments.



Liberated prisoners at ease while their calls go through in the new telephone center at Crissy Field.



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EDITORIAL

TEAMWORK

The word teamwork has taken on a new importance during the last four and one-half years that the United Nations have been embroiled in global conflict.

Men in battle have found that teamwork means the difference between living and dying. An infantry squad working as a team, with each man doing his assigned task knocks out an enemy pillbox, which would have killed them had they been acting individually.

Let us not overlook the teamwork at home which was an essential part of that winning combination. Civilians laboring at their non-glamorous occupations in shops and offices contributed equally with their husbands, sons, brothers and friends in uniform.

But like linesmen in a football game, they were necessary to the ball carriers. Unsung and unheralded they cleared the way for our ball-carrying armed forces.

Now is not the time to slow down or relax our efforts because the final goal has been won. There is still the point after touchdown to be made—in this case, that means the big job of caring for the wounded, who so valiantly fought for us.

Every civilian employee of the War Department who leaves his or her job is depriving the team of his knowledge and experience so essential to



It does pay to advertise. Ask Capt. Mary Tyrrell and Lt. Joan Reidy. They did, and they got what they wanted—a birthday party!

Capt. Tyrrell's natal day was Sept. 12 and Lt. Reidy's Sept. 15, and for the past two months they'd been harassing their friends, in a nice way: "How about a party?" not dreaming for one moment. . . .

Came last Friday night. Fifteen nurses descended upon them, took over the Rec Hall in the Nurses' Quarters and gave them all they had asked for, with trimmings, including a huge birthday cake "To Mary and Joan," gifts . . . and birthday "spirit."

Four bronze stars decorating her ETO robbin, Capt. Ruth P. A. Freet reported to Letterman's ANC replacement pool last Saturday from 75 days' leave, granted for three years of service in England, France and Belgium. Her unit, the 5th General Hospital, is still in Europe.

Since she was in France from July to November of last year and moved up to Belgium to catch the casualties from the Battle of the Bulge. Under bombardment by buzz bombs for two months, she reports that a lot of her patients won clusters for their purple hearts as the result of those bombings, and while no deaths occurred, the hospital suffered 60 per cent damage from one almost direct hit.

Parents of native boys who landed in the 19th Field Hospital at Iran had a tangible way of showing their gratitude to American nurses serving their sons, according to 1st Lieutenant Kathryn S. Barker who joined LGH last week after serving in the Persian Gulf Command for 30 months.

"The native mothers and fathers would kiss our hands and clothes and bring us gifts of fresh vegetables," she explained.

Two other nurses who served with the Iran Unit and wear the colorful

the still unfinished game. It is our solemn obligation to give 100 per cent effort to the men who gave full percentage in both life and effort.

—Golden Gate Guardian.



Chap. Hugh F. Kennedy, who suffered for 33 months in a Jap prison camp, and now on his way back to the Nip empire, only this time in the role of conqueror.

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Marie Field, ace Foghorn reporter, making plans to doff those newly-won T/3rd Gr. stripes along with her uniform. Here's luck to you as a civilian, Marie!

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Lt. Rogers Cox in his new job of separating the "separations," and making many people at Letterman happy these days.

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A triple play on the second floor of the Administration Bldg. when the following offices were exchanged—Separations for Transportation, Transportation for Public Relations and Public Relations for Separations. Complicated, huh? But not half as complicated as it was for Col. Craft.

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A "blessed event" for Receiving . . . "Koko," lovely black cocker of Sgt. Joe Braswell, gave birth to seven little "Koko's" this week. The sire? He was Bing Crosby's own great cocker—"Don Juan"—and they met at Letterman.

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Sgt. Pat Sullivan back hard at work on the Medical Detach column after a 12-day vacation.

Persian Gulf patch on their uniforms are now stationed at Crissy Field. They are Lt. Opal Jean Hanson and Lt. Linley Coventon.

Six new nurses, all commissioned at Fort Lewis last month, within a few days of V-J Day, checked in at Letterman Tuesday for assignment. They are 2nd Lieutenants Virginia V. AnDyke and Marjorie Ann Ratcliff, both of Portland, Elsie Schorno of Ferndale, Martha Ruth Zimbrick of Lebanon, Oregon; June W. Paddock of Saratoga Springs, New York, and Agnes Gloria Rivord of Emmett, Idaho.

On leave: Lts. Ruth Enarson and Dulcie Chinn, from Sept. 17 to Oct. 2; Lt. Edna Earle, from Sept. 18 to Oct. 3; Lt. Pauline Guerrettaz, Sept. 20 to 30. Lts. Betty Lewis and Lois Bock are back from brief holidays.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 23, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

PURPLE HEARTS

Wednesday morning at 10, 15 Army-clad men stood at attention before the band-stand in the patio to receive the Order of the Purple Heart.

And they well deserved them! For these thin, serious-looking soldiers had undergone the rigors and tortures of Japanese prison camps anywhere from four years to one year.

Now they were back, safe and free in an American hospital, and were being awarded for wounds received months or even years ago. They represented many branches of the Army, but there was a predominancy of wings depicting the Army Air Corps.

One of the men, Capt. Wilbert L. Arthur, AAF, leaned on crutches—mute evidence of injuries incurred back in January of this year. The other soldiers showed the visible signs of war and wound by their faces or mannerisms.

The awards were made by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, who later paid a short, verbal tribute to the decorated men. The Wac band played the musical background during the ceremony.

Those who received the wound decoration in addition to Capt. Arthur were: 1st Lt. Gerald F. Faivre, AAF; 1st Lt. Harvey H. Hoffman, AAF; 1st Lt. Victor E. Morris, AAF; 1st Lt. William B. Strelnik, AAF; Sgt. Nick J. Cristiano, AAF; Sgt. Grazio E. DiStefano, AAF; Sgt. James T. Macomb, AAF; Cpl. Rollie F. Grimes, Inf.; Cpl. Willard J. Shrawder, MD; Cpl. Clarence E. Boehrs, CAC; Pfc. Lee G. Floyd, SigC; Pvt. Samuel F. Feldstein, CMP; Pvt. Adelbert F. Holman, AAF, and Cpl. Robert M. Pribbernow, CAC.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CAROLINE F. PILARSKI
Technician 4th Grade

Nothing less than an official letter from Washington started off T/4th Gr. Caroline F. Pilarski's musical career in the Army about two and a half years ago.

Caroline, dark-haired trumpeter who took a music course in high school and has been playing ever since, was reading the papers with a special eye out for Wac news back in February, 1943.

She noticed an item requesting musicians for the women's branch of the Army and promptly wrote the War Department for information. After about a week, Caroline joined the Wac, already tired of waiting for an answer. "I thought if I got into the band, it would be fine. If I didn't—well, I'd do something else."

After a week and a half at the Des Moines training center, Caroline received her answer. In it was a phrase which has the Wac puzzled even yet; for the letter noted they understood she was in the band.

Since she had been a civilian when she wrote the letter and her correspondence with Washington was limited to that one message, Caroline is still perplexed how such comparatively small news as hers traveled through such intricate channels in such a short time. Whatever the circumstances, however, the letter paved the way for Caroline's entrance into the band.

Caroline followed her music course in her home town of Milwaukee with several years' trumpeting, in off-duty hours, with an American Legion band, a civic band, and a 10-piece girl dance orchestra. On furloughs she makes a point of sitting in with the orchestra during performances, "a sort of mailman's holiday."

Besides trumpeting for strictly all-

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT SEPARATION RULES ISSUED BY SURGEON GENERAL

Approximately 50 Medical Department Officers at Letterman may start digging out their civilian clothes from the mothballs and get ready to celebrate Christmas or even Thanksgiving sans uniform, if they wish, as the result of the latest authority for separation from the service issued by the Surgeon General on Sept. 14, according to Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft, executive Officer here.

Lowering of required service rating scores will effect the officers of five medical department categories: officers in the Medical and Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps, Medical and Sanitary Corps, Army Nurses' Corps, Physical Therapists, and Medical Department Dietitians.

Medical and Dental Corps Officers are eligible for relief from active duty if their adjusted service rating is 80 or more or if they are 48 years of age to the nearest birthday or if they enlisted upon active military duty prior to Dec. 7, 1941.

However, officers whose primary or secondary classifications are Ophthalmologist and Otorhinolaryngologist, Neuropsychiatrist, Plastic Surgeon, Orthopedic Surgeon, or Medical Laboratory Officer, are eligible for relief from active military duty if they were called to active duty prior to January 1, 1941.

No Medical or Dental Corps officer with an efficiency index of 41 or more who desires to remain on active military duty will be relieved. All other Medical Department officers with an efficiency index of 40 or more, who desires to remain on active military duty, will be relieved.

band programs, Caroline is one of the Wac buglers. She tells a wry story of bugling. When she was being interviewed for classification, she remembers apprehensively asking the officer, "If I go into the band, I won't have to be a bugler, will I?" She remembers his hearty guffaw and his exclamation. "Bugler? They don't have buglers in the Wac."

"I'd like to see him now," says Caroline.

When she is discharged, Caroline plans to go to business college at home but she will still go on playing with the Legion and dance bands. The only major difference will be—no more bugling, whether it's playing the instrument or listening to it.

It now takes an adjusted service rating of 80 or more, a minimum age of 42 years, or entrance upon active military duty prior to January 1, 1941 for Veterinary Corps officers to be eligible for relief from active military duty.

Medical Administrative and Sanitary Corps officers need an adjusted service rating of 70 or more or they enlisted upon active military duty prior to Dec. 7, 1941.

Also, Medical Administrative and Sanitary Corps officers who were regular Army enlisted men prior to commissioning who desire continued service will not be separated without the approval of the Surgeon General, who will determine their essentiality.

Army Nurse Corps officers have an "out" with 35 points or more, or if they are 35 years of age or older, or if they are married, or if they have dependent children under 14 years of age.

Physical Therapists and Medical Department Dietitians are eligible for relief if their adjusted service rating is 40 or more, or if they are 40 years of age to the nearest birthday or older, or if they have dependent children under 14 years of age, or if they are married.

Military necessity may be utilized in retaining essential Officers until a replacement arrives or until Dec. 15, 1945; whichever is shorter retention beyond Dec. 15, 1945 will be only with the consent of the individual Officer concerned.

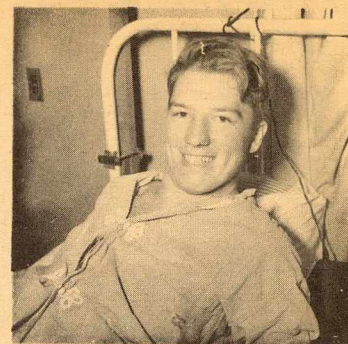
This latest authority for separations is in accordance with Section III WD Bulletin 37, 1941 and AR 605-10 End. SPMCM 914009.

Emblem of Service

Recently the War Department authorized the honorable discharge emblem for wear on the uniform of all military personnel who are discharged or separated from the service under honorable conditions. This emblem will be worn as a badge of honor indicative of honest and faithful service while a member of the Army, Navy, Marine, or Coast Guard of the United States during World War II, and will be issued in addition to the lapel button.

A prescribed number of emblems will be issued to qualified personnel during processing and prior to actual discharge or release from the service. Further details can be found

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE ROSIENSKI,
Pfc., Infantry

Private First Class George Rosienski celebrated his twentieth birthday with a small group of friends from the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division. They spent the afternoon attacking a hill on Mindanao, and the big feature of the day came when he and his rifle-men pals knocked out a Jap-machine-gun.

They took the hill, but not before the Jap handling the gun had sent a bullet in the specific direction of George's leg, and made contact. His belated birthday presents included a Purple Heart, the Philippine Liberation ribbon and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

George had been overseas just a few months before going into combat. One mission made by his company on its own, stands out in his mind. It was seven days long, and included taking an island in Davao gulf, where four Japa naval guns had been firing on the Mindanao mainland. The company knocked out the four guns and killed about 100 Japs.

Private Rosienski is from Southbridge, Massachusetts. He received his basic training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma with the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division, from which he was transferred last year to go to the Pacific. Before he entered the service—which was in August 1943, George worked for the American Optical Company in Southbridge.

**MORE ABOUT
FIRST GROUP**

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Administration Building in the space formerly occupied by the Public Relations Office.

Announcement of additional departures of eLetterman personnel will be made as they take place.

in Cir. No. 454, WD, 1944, or you may consult the Personal Affairs Officer.

WAC

Events whizzed by this week like a rapid volley of machine gun fire for T/5th Gr. Helen Wilson—but with much more pleasant results.

Last Friday her husband, a Navy lieutenant, senior grade, returned to San Francisco after 10 months' sea duty; Saturday afternoon, at naval district headquarters, he learned that the 10 points which the Navy recently allowed men for wives in service would boost his score to 52, four more than the required total.

With her husband getting out, Helen too is expecting a discharge shortly. As civilians they plan to visit her home in Los Angeles, then Kansas City and move on east.

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T/5th Gr. Dorothy Sheets is bubbling enthusiasm over her new job, serving milk and orange juice during the day to liberated prisoners of war in a converted ticket booth of the Crissy annex theater. The booth was rigged up as a nourishment counter and equipped with a refrigerator for the liquids. Other Wacs are breaking the long-standing Army tradition of "Don't volunteer!" by signing up to serve refreshments at night.

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Worst situation of the week: Pvt. Pat Stevens who needs only a simple electric socket to relieve the mounting monotony of almost a month in the hospital. Four weeks in bed is bad but it's nothing, Pat thinks, compared with the experience of having a fine little radio beside the bed and only a wall socket missing to fit in the plug, complete with connection and furnish hours of entertainment.

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T/5th Gr. Margaret Hayden, unlike tourist photographers, isn't wasting her film on such minor San Francisco scenes as Golden Gate bridge, Coit tower or the bay front. She's sticking strictly to vital scenes. Her last prize pose, taken in the barracks, was the Monday night wash, of an undisclosed number of individuals, stretched out for the space of three areas while chums peer out, between hose and clothes.

Montrose, Cal (CNS)—Walter Doering, principal of Montrose Junior High School, watched his girl students enter the building clad in slacks and flapping shirt-tails. Decreed he: "From now on, girls old enough for junior high school will dress like girls."

CARMEN MARTINEZ WELCOMES LPW'S TO LGH IN TRUE FRANCISCAN STYLE



CARMEN MARTINEZ
Greets men from Jap prison camps

It is appropriate that liberated prisoners of war, just back from long periods in Japanese prison camps be greeted at Letterman by some one who is a representative native daughter of the City of St. Francis.

She is Carmen Martinez. You'll find her, if you can climb through the crowds this week, in the new LPW office established on the ground floor of the Administration Building. Her official title is assistant to Lt. Carter Burke, liaison officer between the ground floor office and the Receiving and Evacuation Office on the first floor.

Carmen comes by those flashing dark eyes, wavy black hair and warm olive complexion naturally. She was not only born in San Francisco (approximately 22 years ago) but she comes from a long line of Spanish ancestors, three generations of whom have helped San Francisco uphold her reputation for hospitality to newcomers.

Carmen spent her childhood, when she wasn't attending St.

Cecilia's convent, playing over San Francisco's fourteen hills—which may account for the sprightly manner in which she sprints along Letterman's ramps on her interviewing rounds. Later she went to the Star of the Sea convent, added a dash of business schooling at Bradbury's College, just to give her the hang of a typewriter and Gregg.

Her first job was with an insurance company. Advertising caught her fancy next and she worked for two agencies consecutively, Wilson's and the New York firm of Battan, Barton, Durstine and Osborne.

Coming to Letterman Hospital in January of this year, she went to work in the Receiving and Evacuation Office headed by Col. R. L. Whitfield. Her title then was Clerical Steno.

But her real assignment was interviewing LPW's, arranging their transportation, interpreting to them their orders. And she's had one wonderful time doing it, Carmen maintains.

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MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgt. Robert L. Lamayson, Sgt. Ray O. Kooser, Cpls. Russell E. Denzel, George E. Nehila and Colin B. Campbell, Pvts. Harold J. Guardipee, Joseph A. McCormick, Gladis W. Sorrells, Lannie E. Emerson, John D. Peters, Alfred J. Tessmer, Robert E. Kempp, Fred L. Lull, Willie L. Robinson, Ralph E. Herald, James J. Daniels, Dolford S. Dodge, James C. Russell, George E. Glass, William VanVliet, Merrell V. Davis and James K. Shutts.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day and the following men left for their homes during the past week: Cpls. George E. Nehila, Salvatore Russo and Israel Kulak, each with 25 days; T/5th Gr. Roy D. Stam with 23 days; T/Sgt. Charles A. Browne, Sgt. Paul E. Jewell and Cpl. Dalton E. Poff, each with 17 days; Pvt. Clinton H. Hill with seven days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Merle C. West back from a furlough in Washington and still bragging about the wonders of that State.

Word from S/Sgt. R. Julian Wiley, the former assistant editor of the Fog Horn that he is now a father of a baby boy. Congratulations Wiley!

First Sgt. Calvin D. Williams and S/Sgt. John Dean playing together in billiards and still not able to win very many games.

T/4th Gr. John D. Hurst trying to deny that he was the cause of T/Sgt. Rudolph O. Shellhorn's downfall.

Sgt. Russell V. Woods back in the roll of instructor and now teaching a group of WAC technicians how to run oxygen tents.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein back from radio school in the East and making the grade with flying colors.

Sgt. Peter J. Ricca trying to explain why he has a few band aids on his face.

Brooklyn (CNS)—Fun loving Michael Costello tossed a glass of whiskey into the face of sober-sides John O'Gara, a bartender, and was promptly hauled into court. "I was only being playful," Costello told the judge. "I see nothing side-splitting in your actions," his honor replied. "Ten dollars, please."

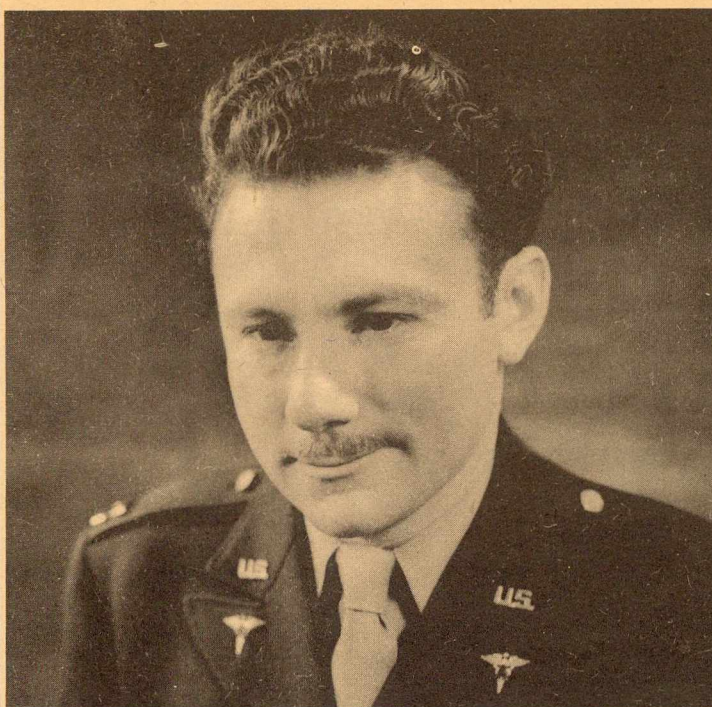
CIVIL CIRCLES

There are two heroines among us this week. The first to give their blood since the new drive for civilians started here at LGH were **Blanche Coles** and **Frances Divelbiss**. Fran is a very charming dental technician who was called by the Lab early one morning. She was quite excited about the whole thing and tripped gaily down to Surgery. It was all over in 35 minutes and Fran went back to work. She drank gallons of fruit juice and milk during the day. Her very thoughtful mother prepared a steak that was two inches thick, unquote, and it really brought Fran back to normal, in nothing flat. How she came by this succulent bit of beef, we were unable to discover. Suffice it to say that it did the trick, and all Fran has to remind her of the episode is a tiny black and blue mark.

Blanche Cole is a Ward Attendant in the East Hospital. She is quite modest, though, and we had quite a time getting the facts from her. She started with the Red Cross Blood Bank and has given her blood more than 20 times. The attractive brunette has two brothers overseas who have every reason to be mighty proud of their sister. Blanche has never had any ill effects from the procedure she said, but merely takes it in her stride and continues her work as usual. Both girls are to be highly commended for their good deeds, and LGH is glad to have them on the staff.

Esther Grobler overcoming insurmountable obstacles and finally securing a hamburger. **Mickey Fenn** dashing in from Crissy to see what's new. Everyone in general awed by **Barbara Soames'** dog collar. **Helen Diez** buying milk for her newly adopted black cat. **Helen Beckman** dickering for a package of gum. **Juanita Gates** looking very swish with her new coiffure. The pie addicts versus the donut doters having coffee in the morning. Then, breaking it down still further, shall it be custard and cream pie or fruit pie? To **Anne Guilfoyle**, fruit pies are manna from heaven, while **Ray Shine** will take custard with his coffee any day. And, to add to the intrigue, **Warren Conlin** is strictly an apple pie a la mode man. Try to be with us again next week. We may even have a few new recipes.

CAPT. REILLY, JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES; AT SAME TIME IS MASTER-OF-MANY



CAPT. HOWARD REILLY
Chief of Civilian Personnel Branch

Businessmen who scoff at musicians and musicians who, just as heartily, scoff at businessmen, register mutual shock when they meet Captain Howard E. Reilly who followed the two occupations in civilian life, added a few others and, since March, 1941, supplemented the list with that of soldiering.

Among other things Captain Reilly in civilian days led a band which originated from San Francisco and did radio and club work in California and on several ocean cruises; for three years before entering the army he managed a lumber company in San Francisco.

He came to Letterman in July after a year and a half as a patient at the Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., where he struggled successfully against infantile paralysis which had struck him in San Antonio, Texas, 10 days before he was to leave for overseas with 15th army headquarters.

"The biggest disappointment of my army career was not being able to go overseas with the outfit," said the captain skipping over his many long months in the hospital. His recovery has been practically complete; only his right arm still faintly feels the effect of the polio attack.

At the hospital Captain Reilly wrote and took part in radio programs, another in his long series of attempts to keep spirits high among the men about him, whether they were the eight companies of medical department rookies he broke into army life on his first assignment at Camp Robinson, Ark; or the troops at Camp Maxey, Texas, for whom he was operations and training officer.

But it was his first assignment as an officer that Captain Reilly remembers most clearly and likes best to recall. From nothing at all, he watched, and helped, as the medical replacement training center grew to 60,000.

Recreation in those early war days was infrequent and unorganized. As a company commander and special service officer, Captain Reilly began to work up off-duty activities.

"My interest in activities was very well gratified," he said. Results said the same.

From athletes among his trainees Captain Reilly formed sports teams that won medals and an all-around sports trophy for the training command area.

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To Lt. and Mrs. Mike Segesky, a daughter, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 4 September.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. James Harvey, a son, **Robert Hilton**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 10 September.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edward R. Strecker, a daughter, **Betty Jane**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 10 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert L. Lawton, a son, **Stanley Allen**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 10 September.

To Major and Mrs. Robert V. Ball, a daughter, **Margaret Judith**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 11 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John S. Peton, a daughter, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 11 September.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Howard T. Hutching, a daughter, born 11 September.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Kermit P. Meyer, a son **Kenneth Paul**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 13 September.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Wilber S. Neighbor, a son, **John Bruce**, weight 7 pounds, born 13 September.

To Lt. Col and Mrs. Raymond P. Luce, a daughter, **Mary Barbara**, weight 7 pounds, born 13 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Harvey P. Smith, a daughter, **Barbara Jean**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 13 September.

To Sgt. and Mrs. George T. Washburn, a son, **Roderick Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 13 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. William H. Hayes, a son, **William Hobert, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 13 September.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Christian Piket, a son, **Richard John**, weight 6 pounds and 9 ounces, born 14 September.

To F.O. and Mrs. Robert C. Anderson, a daughter, **Cheryl Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 15 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford Young, a son, **Clifford Charles**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 15 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Patrick McFaull, a son, **Roderick Michael**, (Continued on Page 8.)

New Phone Center

When the first liberated prisoners from Japanese prison camps arrived at Letterman in the early evening of September 12 they found at Crissy Annex a new streamlined Telephone Center, furnished with luxurious comfort, and tops for service. Comfortable chairs and the latest magazines to make easier the wait for calls to come through, plants and flowers, writing desks, large photomurals combined to provide a home-like spot for the men to place their telephone calls home.

Camp Telephone Manager J. B. Holdsworth, on the job to render assistance, said the first men arrived en masse at the attended pay station at about 9 o'clock. They milled around, tried out the chairs, and displayed Japanese trophies to the attendants. First to place a call was Jerry Gingras of Beverly Hills, who had been away for four years, over three of which had been spent as a prisoner. One man had not seen his family for seven years. The men found that many things had changed while they were away—home telephone numbers were different, families had moved, neighbors were no longer the same.

The Telephone Center, located in Building T-253 adjacent to the library, is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and provides service for ambulatory patients. Two attractive attendants, Dorothy Hale and Lorraine Schulz, are on duty from 12 noon to 9 p.m. week days and 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sundays. There is a public address system over which the men are paged when their calls go through.

For Patients Only

Radio Station KSFO has inaugurated an afternoon broadcast, called "Rhythm Canteen," which is to be by and for the convalescing service men in the San Francisco Bay Area. The program, to be aired each afternoon, Sunday through Friday at 2:00-2:30 o'clock, will play requests received from the wounded men in the bay area hospitals.

Letterman patients' requests will be played every other Sunday having begun on the second of September. Requests of patients at Dante are honored every other Wednesday beginning back on the ninth of September.

It has been asked that the requests be limited to current popular selections or to semi-classics that are known to have a popular arrangement.

Industry Predicts Job Boom in U. S. After Fall Slump

By Camp Newspaper Service

Although total employment in the U. S. is expected to fall 12½% after reconversion, it should be 24% higher than it was in 1940.

These estimates are based upon a survey conducted by the Committee for Economic Development from reports filed by 100 cities and counties throughout the country.

Even more encouraging to the jobseeking veteran is the fact that 57 of the communities surveyed actually predicted greater employment after reconversion than they enjoyed during their war-time peaks.

The CED estimates that the reconversion period will be completed by September, 1946. By that time the reemployment of many men laid off when wartime production stopped, plus that of returning servicemen should be in high gear. Unemployment is expected to reach its peak this fall in many industries but after that there should be "a progressive reemployment of workers by companies that have reconverted to peacetime production."

According to Walter D. Fuller, chairman of the CED Field Development Division, the reports indicated that "business men are planning boldly to assure high level productive employment as rapidly as it can be provided after reconversion."

"The reports," he said, "have been checked carefully after the data were received from individual employers. We believe comparable figures will be submitted later by hundreds of other communities which make up the national CED organization."

President Seeks EM To Swell Reserve Ranks

Washington (CNS)—President Truman, in his capacity of colonel in the Field Artillery Reserve, called on EM to join the Enlisted Reserve Corps upon discharge from the AUS. "In so doing," he said, "you will contribute to the future security of our country immeasurably."

A printed WD memorandum, pointing out that the Regular Army cannot handle national defense alone, declared that a large standing army is contrary to our institutions. An effective organized reserve is the alternative, it said.

Men enlisting in the ERC will retain rank held at the time of release from active duty, will have opportunity for promotion to higher enlisted grades, and in the case of qualified personnel to commissioned grade, and "opportunities to accept tours of active duty with full pay and allowances."

The memo added: "In an enlisted status, you will undergo active duty training only with your consent. . . . Your patriotic obligation to serve in time of a national emergency will find you adequately prepared."

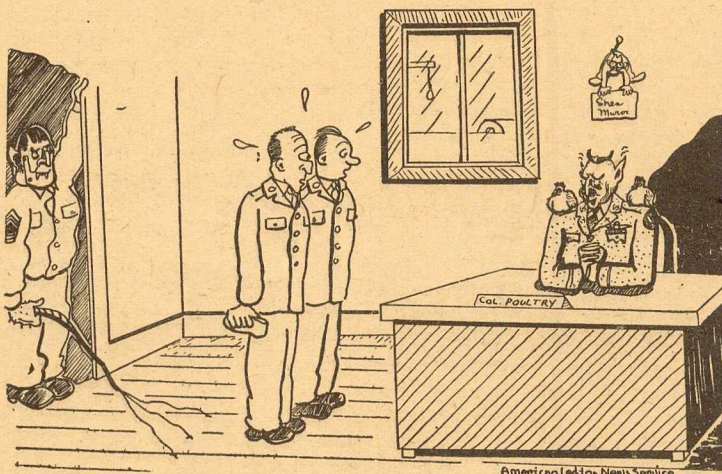
A campaign to develop the Reserve Officer Corps is also in progress.

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will be available in important fields.

Other members of the board include Brigadier General Rex McK. McDowell of the Dental Corps, Colonels W. A. Carlson and W. P. Holbrook of the Air Surgeon's staff, Colonel W. C. Menninger, Chief Consultant in Neuropsychiatry, Lieutenant Colonel J. T. McGibony, Major G. J. Damin and Capt. J. S. Hunt.



"I suppose you men have heard stories about this field . . ."

MORE ABOUT CAPT. REILLY

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From professional players then in uniform Captain Reilly formed the only dance band in "grabbing distance of Little Rock;" from everyday materials he had sports equipment made: "We sawed off broom sticks for checkers." He grinned in recollection.

Captain Reilly, explaining his interest in this diversity of activities, pointed out, "I like to work in close contact with people." At Letterman his preference for personnel work has not gone unanswered; he was assigned shortly after his arrival as chief of the civilian personnel branch.

MORE ABOUT CARMEN MARTINEZ

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"Most of the time I spent trying to tell them why they are being kept here a day or two for the processing," she says. "After spending years in prison, they want to get home as quickly as possible. And I don't blame them. At first we could promise them all plane rides, but with the increasing numbers I have to go easy on my promises. I try to explain very nicely, even turning on the charm once in a while, I'm afraid," she smiled, "to make them feel more patient. It's so hard to tell them that everything is still S.O.P. in the army. . . ."

One of the nicest side issues of her job, Carmen admits slyly, are the souvenirs she collects "without half trying." These take the form of numerous autographed short snorters, bullets from pet MM shells, sea shells, and during cigarette shortage, cigarettes, without asking. Her favorite souvenir is a coin once used to "step up" a machine gun in Battan.

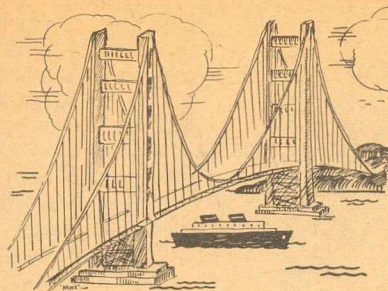
MORE ABOUT THE STORK WAS HERE

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weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 16 September.

To T/3rd Gr. and Mrs. Albert C. Earnest, a son, Robert Earnest, weight 7 pounds, born 16 September.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Sam P. Karas, a daughter, Penelope Ann, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 16 September.



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"Symbolic Group" Receive Heroes' Welcome Tuesday

It was a big day for San Francisco and for the liberated prisoners who arrived in the "Symbolic Group" Tuesday at Hamilton.

Representing the Army, Navy, and Marines and recalling vividly to the crowd the horrors of Jap prison life, the men debarked from planes at the Army Air Field into the waiting arms of friends and family, invited here by the Government.

Then in quick, military fashion the Bataan and Corregidor survivors were driven to the Ferry Building for formation of the gala parade held in their honor. The procession wound like a giant, colorful ribbon up through Market Street and then to the Civic Center amid the roar of a welcoming city.

At the Center the ceremonies, presided over by the Hon. J. C. Goodell, began with the always-stirring Star Spangled Banner, and was followed by an invocation by the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, D.D., Archbishop of San Francisco. Then Mayor Roger D. Lapham and Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico James J. Jones gave brief talks after which three liberated prisoners, representatives of the Army, Navy, and Marines, responded for each of their groups.

Once the ceremonies were done with, thoughts turned to food and the group was taken to the St. Francis Hotel for a cold lunch, which featured turkey, chicken, baked ham, and ox tongue, all delicacies to these men who had starved for months and years on rice balls.

Finally in the late afternoon, the party dispersed and the recently-released prisoners were taken to

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State and military meet at Letterman when New Mexico's Lt. Gov. James J. Jones came to the hospital Wednesday and greeted by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman.

Lt. Governor Jones Visits Letterman

Lieutenant Governor James B. Jones of New Mexico, who was in San Francisco this week to greet the liberated prisoners from his state, paid a visit to Letterman Wednesday morning.

Accompanied by his wife, the high state official looked over Letterman's facilities and procedures in caring for returned Allied military personnel.

"It is magnificent and a tribute to your staff," he told Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman in commenting on the treatment accorded the RAMP's.

Lt. Gov. Jones and his wife had more than a visitor's interest in the program. For any day now they are

expecting the arrival here of their own son, Sgt. James B. Jones, Jr., who is a survivor of Bataan and who has been a prisoner of the Japs ever since.

"It is gratifying to know that Jimmy will receive the same fine treatment when he arrives as these men are receiving now," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also revealed during the visit here that New Mexico had more soldiers on Bataan, and therefore more casualties there, per population than any other state in the union. It was for this reason that he wanted to be in San Francisco when many of the New Mexico Bataan survivors arrived.

Activities Boom As LGH Moves Into Its Busiest Week

This is one of the busiest weeks Letterman has ever known. While thousands of patients coming in by air and ships were being assigned to their wards, other thousands were being coded for departure to hospitals nearer their homes.

Red-pajamed men milled around the buildings and grounds eagerly questioning the blue-pajamed RAMPs—the liberated prisoners of war. Up on the third floor, the Finance office worked double-time to pay off the hundreds of men who waited eagerly in a long line that wound around the stairways and corridors all the way down to the first floor.

Other long queues of happy-faced, uniformed men sat patiently on the benches outside the Separation office on the second floor of the Administration building, content to wait a little longer for that magical bit of paper known as an "honorable discharge." According to Lt. Rogers M. Cox, in charge of the office, 108 men were provided with the necessary forms and special discharge badges to sew on their uniforms above the right-side pocket.

The telephone centers were jammed with customers. Gray Ladies and telephone operators worked over-time to handle the thousands of calls made by the eager, anxious returnees. Down in the information office, the girls were busy routing telegrams to patients and personnel—3,135 wires in the first four days of this week.

The nerve center of the entire hospital is the Receiving and Evacuation Department. Colonel Robert L. Whitfield, in charge of activities there, said, "This is one of the busiest weeks we've ever had . . .

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Patients And WACs Enjoy Sun And Sea on Boat Cruise

By S/Sgt. Marie Field

The bulletin board read: "Sunday boat ride, 0915 . . . room for 20 EW."

About 15 Wacs were ready, wearing their HBT's, suntans and slacks. Most of them had just come off all-night duty. Altogether, they practically filled one bus.

Behind came the patients in another bus—a score of maroon-pajama'd men just in from the Pacific hospitals, several officers and their wives and, wearing the identifying navy blues, were half a dozen liberated prisoners of war, only a few week away from long terms in the Japanese prison camps.

A GI chow truck lead the way, over Golden Gate Bridge to Fort Baker's wharf, a stone's throw below the bridge on the Marin county side.

A 110-foot grey, plump launch was waiting.

There was nothing fancy about that boat; sturdy and dependable would describe it. A quick guess would put its value at a hundred thousand dollars. But it couldn't be bought by any millionaire playboy; it all belonged, for the day, to GI patients and their guests. Once used for transport duty in the North Pacific, it is assigned to Letterman Hospital patients for yachting and fishing trips on any days of the week the Army Transport Service does not find a use for it. These trips are part of the reconditioning program planned by Major Thomas J. Cockerill, newly assigned Director of the Reconditioning Division at Letterman.

Last week, reports Major Cockerill, the boat was available on four different days to take the patients and LPW's fishing. Sunday's cruise was typical. Major Cockerill went along.

Excitement was restrained as the officers helped the patients and Wacs over the side. Lt. Tyre Watson took charge: he was the one officially responsible to see that no patient fell overboard.

As the passengers scattered over the deck, he had only one admonition: "Keep off the bridge; the rest of the boat is yours."

And it was. Long before she was away from shore, the patients, the former prisoners, officers and Wacs had settled themselves. A couple of Wacs hoisted themselves up on the bow, their arms about the flag pole as they watched the prow cut the



PEACE COMES TO A LIBERATED PRISONER

water below and the patients watched them. One of the officers discovered the binoculars in the skipper's cabin, gravely picked out the boats anchored about the bay.

Several of the night-duty Wacs curled up on the poop deck in the sun and went sound asleep.

The patients were the quietest in the crowd. Conscious that they were the honor guests, they seemed content just to sit on deck chairs, their feet on the rail, and watch San Francisco's skyline. The throb of the ships' engine seemed music to their ears, so long used to other, harsher sounds. The sun shone upon their thin faces; it touched up their short, thinned hair, brought out too clearly the premature gray at the temples.

Intently, they watched as the boat skirted Belevvedere and Angel Islands. When Alcatraz came into sight someone offered a quip about the inmates quartered there and their million-dollar view. Only the LPW's did not smile; to them, there seemed nothing funny about a prison, no matter how exquisite the view.

Long before noon the galley was swarming with "starved customers." In a matter of minutes, hundreds of sandwiches, relishes, cakes, oranges and bananas disappeared. Milk, cases of it, went the same way, to be followed by coffee, made on the galley stove in five gallon cans. The fragrance of that coffee cooking below permeated the boat, brought appreciative sniffs from everyone, but most particularly from the patients.

Prison camps and C-rations were

nothing like this.

After lunch, every one relaxed. Forgotten the admonition about the bridge. One by one officers climbed the ladder, took their turn at the wheel. Later even some of the patients got up enough courage to investigate the chart room.

The LPW's scattered, mixed with the rest of the passengers; gone was the restraint. They began talking, encouraged by jovial Douglas Petit, sportsman who serves as civilian fishing guide for the trips. Douglas knows every inch of the bay and where the fish run best; he knows all the best fishing boats, who skips them and how big their catches.

A pale, blond young former prisoner, not more than 20, was perhaps Douglas Petit's most excited listener. He too knew all about boats; his home is Maine, on the coast, and all his life, before he went off to war, he had gone to sleep and awakened to the sound of the surf.

"I could lie in bed in the morning and listen to the waves and know just what kind of a day it was going to be before I got up," he explained.

A young dark-haired Texan kept repeating over and over: "This is wonderful—You don't know how wonderful this is. It is 40 months since I've been home!"

He was Czechoslovakian and spoke with an accent. His blue eyes were serious as a child's as he tried to tell what had happened in Japan. The contrast between the happiness of this day and what was "back

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their respective hospitals. Sixty of the group, being Army, came to Letterman and were quickly assigned to wards down in the Crissy Area. There they are being processed, given medical treatment, and soon will be on their way to home again.

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only once or twice before have we handled so many arrivals and departures."

To give you an idea—on one day, last Monday, 1392 patients arrived by ship and 56 came in by air. Departures by air and rail to hospitals all over the United States amounted to 1,436 in just the first four days—with hundreds more scheduled to leave over the week-end.

Gym Opens Doors

The Letterman Gymnasium officially opened its doors Monday to the patients and personnel of the hospital. All shiny and new, it proved very tempting to those athletically-minded individuals.

The hours set for play is from eight in the morning to four-thirty in the afternoon for patients, and from six-thirty in the evening until nine that night for all duty personnel.

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there" seemed too great for him to contemplate for long. Briefly, he mentioned how lucky he'd been.

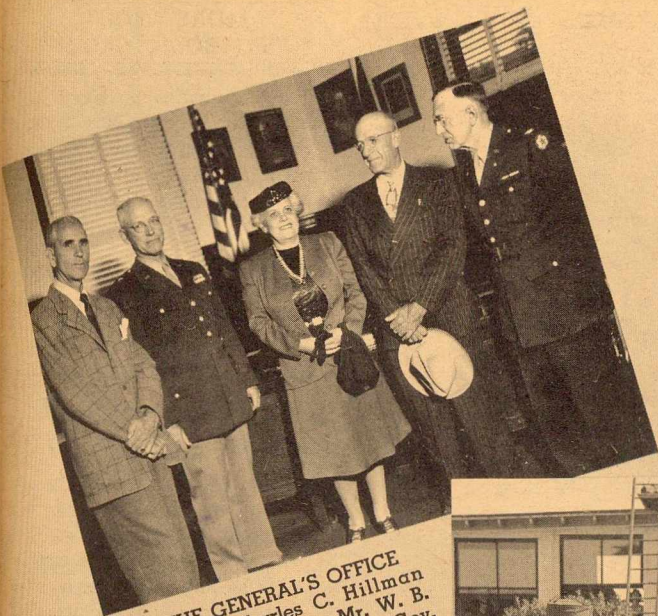
"You see," he explained, "four out of every five in all the battalions of my company are gone, either killed on Corregidor or died in Japanese prison camps . . . from beatings and disease."

He leaned over the side to watch a porpoise dive.

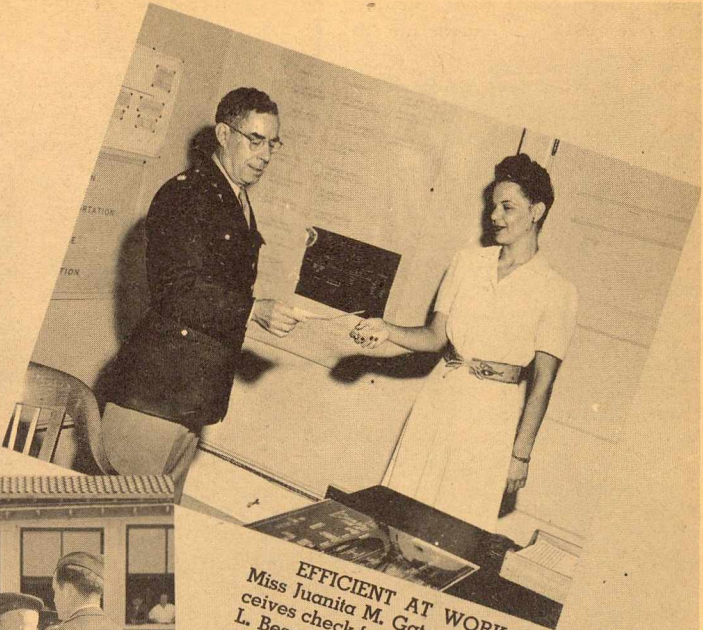
"When I get home to Texas," he said slowly, "You know what I'm going to do? I'm going out to my parents' farm, outside San Antonio and I'm going to stay there for a while . . . perhaps a whole year . . . while I think . . . just think. . ."

The boat had turned towards the mouth of the Sacramento River and the water swished more gently against her fat gray sides . . .

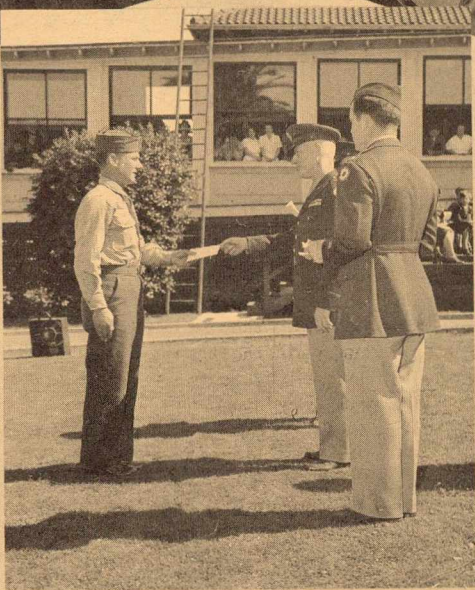
The Camera Views This Week's Busy Days at Letterman



IN THE GENERAL'S OFFICE
Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman and his guests, l to r, Mr. W. B. McCollum, Mrs. Jones, Lt. Gov. James I. Jones and Col. Charles Sargent.



EFFICIENT AT WORK
Miss Juanita M. Gates, R & E, receives check from Lt. Col. William L. Beswick for suggestion leading to greater efficiency in her office.



BY THE PRESIDENT
Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman presents Cpl. Jack Kirby with his personal letter from President Harry Truman. Kirby was one of 60 "Symbolic Group" liberatees to receive the honor.

QUESTION AND ANSWER DEPARTMENT

RAMP's cheerfully answer the \$64 questions of Crissy Field processing clerks.

DENTAL ASSEMBLY LINE
Part of the processing of the RAMP's down at Crissy Field, as the area begins to blossom with more and more blue-clad returnees.



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EDITORIAL

THE GI AND PEACE

Probably it may be presumed that the service people of this country hold about the same ideas as the civilian populace on the kind of world they would like to see in the future. That world would be peaceful, prosperous and happy.

The ideas on obtaining such a state are numerous, but again there is no sharp dividing line between the citizen-soldier and the citizen.

There is the difference: The veteran has had to fight, bleed, and undergo the deep unpleasantness of military training in order to pave the way for a brave, new world. In other words, the ex-military man simply knows the cost of chaos. It is up to them to see that chaos is avoided.

We would not plead for a physical union of veterans for the purpose of controlling our foreign policy—such a body could fall too easily under the sway of demagogues and crackpots.

No—we would have each veteran determine in his individual consciousness that we will unify the world and that we will preserve this peace.

Having so determined, he may therefore utilize his rights of speech and suffrage to fight war mongering, isolationism, big business war profiteering, militarism, and diplomatic snafus.

The veteran has the greatest stake in continuing the peace. He alone fully realizes the horror of war. — Torney Topics.



The time has come. At least half a dozen Letterman nurses were packing for Camp Beale this week, eyes shiny with that Honorable Discharge "look" and prospects of extensive termination leaves, during which they all promise to do "absolutely nothing" in the most graceful way imaginable.

And strangely enough, they are discovering, that the old bromide about "parting . . . sweet sorrow" still holds. Nostalgically, they take stock of their Army memories . . . some of them darting far to battle fronts . . . to many high emotional moments during those months of days and nights on hospital ships, in traveling hospital units, in general hospitals, up front, behind the front . . . in the shadow of war. Memories of heroism and courage that will keep their hearts warm for many years to come.

First Letterman nurse to be discharged was 1st Lieutenant Rigby Maloney. Her separation came "through channels" following her recent marriage to a discharged war veteran.

Five other nurses, all members of Letterman's replacement pool, were off to separation center the first part of this week. Leading the group was Lieutenant Elsie "Peggy" Rogers who packed up memories of 100,000 miles on the Pacific aboard the hospital ship Tasman when she prepared to enter civilian life again.

Second Lieutenant Joan L. Niskanen, only just checked in from 2½ years of duty at Calcutta and Karachi, was off to Visalia, California to join her ex-Marine husband, Jimmy Bryant, whom she married while she was on leave last month.

First Lieutenants Jean Norton, Rose Schramm and Jane Ryan are the other three nurses who about now are trying out their civilian wardrobe and liking it.

Two new dietitians joined the LGH staff last week. Second Lieutenant Edith A. Hill of Leadore, Idaho, took her oath at Letterman September 1 and was a staff member by September 17. She was awarded her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Idaho in May of last year and took post graduate work in dietetics at Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio.



Many former Lettermanites back from all parts of the world and kind enough to pay a call. Colonel Daniel G. Berry, from the European Theatre, Major Louise N. Arnone, likewise from ETO, Major Meyer Schindler, back from ETO and now a civilian, Lieut. Becky Chamberlain and Lieut. Pearle Lewick, back from the Philippines, and Lieut. Philip Matthews, from Hawaii.

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Another visitor, but only from Camp Roberts: Lieut. Vaughn R. Deranian, once upon a time voted "The wolf most likely to succeed"—and wearing the shoulder patch of the 104th Infantry Division. Rather appropriate—a wolf head.

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Leaving for other parts Corporal Helen D. Wilson, abdicating as Queen of the Copy Desk of the FOG-HORN to rule in her own home, and T/3rd Gr. Marie E. Fields, feature writer for this paper, en route home via Camp Beale.

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Lieut. Col. Daniel J. Reidy, here from Washington to assist in the processing of liberated personnel, taking off by United Air Lines for his home station.

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A long snaking pay line on all floors of the Administration Building and halting all other traffic. Could it be accomplished in any other way?

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Real San Francisco weather all week—and that sun did feel so good.

From Litchfield, California came Second Lieutenant Beulah E. Nye to take her oath here September 1. She became a staff member on September 19 and with Lt. Hill will help formulate diets for Letterman patients and duty personnel. Her alma mater is the University of California in Berkeley where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in June of 1943.

On leave: Lieutenant Ruth Enarson, who was granted 15 days from September 17 to October 2.

Back with leave sultans: Lieutenants Evelyn Westlund, Gertrude Toyer and Clara Rockman.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 30, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Survey Team Has Examined 600 RAMPS

The Survey Team, assigned to Letterman to evaluate health problems present in repatriated prisoners, to date has examined approximately 600 of the liberates.

Led by Lt. Col. Robert J. Needles, the Survey officers have discovered widespread evidences of malnutrition, marked loss of weight, and multiple vitamin deficiencies.

"However, I must admit," said Col. Needles in a recent interview, "that it is very surprising and gratifying to see how quickly these men are recovering their weight."

In addition to Col. Needles, the team is composed of the following officers: Majors Calvin F. Kay, Livingston P. Noell, Lewis I. Sharp, Carl T. Nelson, Albert L. Larson, Wilfrid J. Lewis, Earl Saxe, and John A. Hooke; Capts. Philip J. Kresky, Alfred H. Hill, Herbert F. Plaas, Ray F. Chesley, Marlowe C. Anderson, Lloyd W. Richardson, William J. Taylor, David Leach, Lester M. Fox, Thomas M. Van Bergen, Franklin Wallace, Ardash T. Cartozian, Ernest J. Cser, and Fred M. Gebhart; 1st Lts. George E. Cartwright and Charles E. Marshall, and 2nd Lt. Daniel D. Pitcoff.

Won't Re-enact Scene For News Cameramen

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—Major General Claire L. Chenault, who returned to Washington in the same airplane in which he flew back from China, was greeted at the airport here by a former secretary with a kiss on the cheek. When press photographers failed to get pictures of this bit of his welcome, they asked the general to re-enact the scene. The general declined.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DOROTHA FASSETT
Technician 3rd Gr.

The army, which traditionally plunges personnel into totally new work and completely different surroundings, broke with custom last May when it sent T/3rd Gr. Dorothea Fasset to San Francisco, 100 odd miles from home, and assigned her as occupational therapist, for which she had 12 years' civilian training.

First as instructor in art-needlework at the City of Paris department store in downtown San Francisco for seven years, later as instructor in a Napa, Calif., department store. Dorothea got the training that qualified her for becoming the first Wac in the Letterman OT shop.

Off-duty during these years Dorothea's activities were strictly along the line of a busman's holiday. For more than two years, while working in San Francisco, she taught needlework to the women of Chinatown in classes that began as weeklies and eventually met twice a week.

"I started out with young girls," she explained. "After a while their mothers and grandmothers were coming too. Two Chinese girls served as interpreters for some of the older women who couldn't speak English.

"They do beautiful work. They are very careful and put in all the extra little flourishes that we wouldn't take the time to do."

Dorothea, whose daily trips through the surgical wards have made her familiar to patients as the dark-haired Wac with the basket of leatherwork and weaving equipment, is enthusiastic when she speaks of her hospital work. She is so enthused, in fact, that she would like to work here as a civilian when army days are over.

Describing the reactions of patients to therapy activities, Dorothea said, "They like leatherwork best. After that come knitted belts and weaving.

GEN. KIRK TELLS ARMY MEDICS ABOUT PLANS FOR MEDICAL CORPS

In order to provide qualified doctors for the peace time army, plans have been formulated to interest Medical Corps officers who are serving for the duration of the war to apply for commission in the Regular Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, announced recently.

Among the more important attractions which will be offered Medical Corps officers who remain in the army are the following:

1. The Regular Army Medical Corps officer will be assured a professional career offering broader possibilities in a larger field than the practice of the average civilian doctor affords.

2. The training and the assignments of army doctors will be arranged to aid the army doctors in obtaining board certification for specialties from the recognized civilian specialty boards.

3. Graduate training will be continued with the establishment of army fellowships, residencies and special courses.

In addition to the above attractions, which carry decided weight with any professional man, the army affords security in its pension system, hospitalization care, and other considerations not usually available in civilian practice, General Kirk said.

Civilian practice on the whole involves considerable uncertainty, and the locality in which a man has established himself and other factors seriously limit the scope of the practice a doctor can engage in, General Kirk said.

This program which is being inaugurated is designed to obtain and utilize to the best advantages the professional skill now available in the army, according to Colonel Floyd L. Wergeland, Director of the Training Division of The Surgeon General's Office, and Chairman of the committee handling the professional training of army doctors.

The plans under this policy call for the establishment of graduate

training programs at army installations where the residencies will meet the requirements of specialty boards and arrangements will be made for accrediting by the appropriate specialty boards, Colonel Wergeland said. Another phase of the program includes the establishment of army internships at selected army general hospitals.

Plans outline a procedure for giving professional rehabilitation and specialized training to Regular Army Medical Corps officers who have been in administrative work during the war. These doctors who have not been able to engage in practice because of administration responsibilities will serve as understudies with doctors who have been active in professional practice. This assignment will lead to continued professional service and eventually specialty board certification.

Medical Corps officers in the Regular Army will be kept in professional capacities without material interruption under this plan.

The advantages of a professional career in the army will also be brought to the attention of medical students to interest them in an army commission. Only those who stand scholastically in the upper third of their classes will be prevailed upon to consider the army for a career.

Reserve or AUS officers now on active duty who desire consideration for commission in the Regular Army may forward through channels Statement of Interest to War Department Adjutant General's Office in accordance with the provisions of War Department Circular 243.

Civilian physicians and former Organized Reserve Corps and AUS officers now on inactive duty status may submit Statement of Interest direct to the Adjutant General's Office.

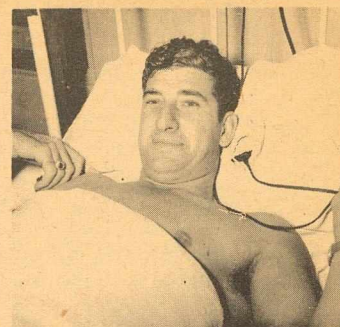
Future announcements as to securing commission in Regular Army Medical Department will be publicized in current professional and military publications.

When War Is Over We'll Enlist Again

Army nurses, as is the case with all officers interested in commissions in the Regular Army, may file a Statement of Interest to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., indicating their interest in being considered for a commission in the

Regular Army. The Surgeon General has announced. Present indications are that a number of outstanding officers will be needed in the Regular Army peacetime establishment. Until appropriate legislation is enacted, the War Department can-

ON THE SPOT



ALVIN C. BURKHART
Private First Class

PFC Alvin C. Burkhardt still shudders a little when he thinks of the closest call he had during 19 months of Infantry combat in the Pacific.

It happened near Zamboanga, the 29-year-old former Holgate, Ohio carpenter recalls without hesitation. A Jap sniper started putting deliberate shots into a coconut log about two inches from his head, and placed several there before PFC Burkhardt was able to move to a safer spot.

The tall, husky BAR man was overseas 19 months with the 41st Infantry (Jungle) Division, and was just recently returned to this country for hospitalization.

"We had plenty of rough ones," he said in an interview at Letterman, "but I think that time at Zamboanga was as close as I ever came to checking out. That was close enough for me, at any rate."

PFC Burkhardt, who won the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, received his basic training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Assigned overseas, he joined the famous "Jungle" Division, and saw action at Hollandia on New Guinea, on Biak Island, and on Mindanao in the Philippines.

He was wounded in the left leg by rifle fire during an attack on a hill on Mindanao.

"We were pushing for the hill," he explained, "when I was hit. I was able to crawl back a ways, then a medic got to me and gave me first aid."

In addition to the Purple Heart, PFC Burkhardt wears the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

not announce the conditions which will govern selection of these officers or the number required. Nurses who have served in the emergency

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WAC

Birthdays, which followed in rapid-fire succession in Barracks 213 the last week or so, paid dividends in cake and other delicacies. Pvt. Evelyn Wadsworth offered bunk-mates an immense, brightly decorated cake Monday night in honor of her birthday and her husband's simultaneous release from the army.

The same day T/5th Gr. Ruby Williams, who was married exactly 10 weeks, received a birthday cake from her husband, a navy man. He and six other sailors remained in the dayroom to guard it while she got ready to go out. Other celebrants were T/4th Gr. Eleanor Eaton and Pvt. Willie Arney.

T/5th Gr. Florence Love's first civilian clothes will be a trousseau. Florence, planning to be married early in November to an ex-navy man, went on a clothes-buying spree last week end. She and her civilian fiance also went house-hunting in San Leandro where they're planning to live.

The Wac wardrobe was stripped of one of its most distinctive features this week when gas masks went off wall locker tops and into the supply room.

Monday, a month to the day from the time she entered the hospital, T/5th Gr. Evaline Blanco came back to resume life in the barracks.

Area Angles: Every girl within running distance being dumped into the wheelbarrow outside 212 by practical jokers one night last week, given a swift race around the yard and dumped out again; rugs appearing to brighten up the day room floor; hostesses at the Crissy Annex theater comparing notes on how many gallons of milk and orange juice they served RAMPS across the counter of the reconverted ticket booth.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-el most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances, which will be held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday October 6, at 9 p.m., and Saturday, October 20, at 9 p.m. Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard. Junior hostesses will welcome you.

PAST KEEPS CREEPING UP ON NEW DANTE RED CROSS WORKER



RED CROSS FIELD WORKER MARJORIE DRESSSEL TIBBS
" . . . eternally grateful to the British women "

When Red Cross Field Worker Marjorie Dressel Tibbs dropped into the Letterman Recreation Center last month on the first day of her assignment to Dante Annex, following 20 months overseas, she was startled to hear a familiar voice:

"Hi, Marjorie, what you doing over here?"

He was one of the patients she had last seen at the 141st General Hospital in England. He reminded her of the occasion—a quiz program, when the supper had featured "shell eggs" . . .

She remembered. They sat and talked it over . . . the powdered eggs, London's baby blitz, the buzz bombs, the V-2 bombs . . . the preliminary D-day basic Red Cross workers agonized through along with the nurses in preparation for D-Day.

The 141st General was the last of a series of assignments Mrs. Tibbs had during her year and eight months service throughout England. Everywhere she goes now, she says she's apt to be hailed by a familiar

GI or two who recognize her ribbons, and overseas stripes.

Mrs. Tibbs's predestination for overseas service in Red Cross administrative capacity, dates back to a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Administration at Ohio State. There followed grad work at the Catholic University in Washington D. C. in the School for Social Service. Her first job was case worker with the Cincinnati Associated Charities.

Virginia was her "prelude to war," she claims. She set up their first department of public welfare in the Blue Mountains . . . three years of experience which Marjorie says she wouldn't repeat "for a million dollars and wouldn't take anything for . . ."

From there to Roanoke, as case superintendent, to Charlottesville, as superintendent of Public Welfare, and, on the side, lecturer at the School of Military Government . . . until August 1943, when the Red Cross got her and slated her immediately for foreign service as

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MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: M/Sgt. Eugene E. Jensen, S/Sgts. Franklin Follmer, Harlan E. Ruback, John H. Pearson and Edward E. Mikus, Sgt. Arthur W. Franck, Cpls. Gaeton J. Cococo, Theodore J. Brys, and Frank A. Thomas, Pvts. Robert Blair, Albert Spalter, Meyer Cantor, Orville E. Fox, Earnest J. Smith, Joe M. Leet, Ernest L. Daniels, William D. Waldron, William Locke, James C. Allen, Benedict R. Cerelli, William D. Helenbrook, Nathan L. Johnson, Elliott L. Barks, Harry B. Hill, John Shakal, Carolyn W. Powers, Joseph P. Battiatto, Leonard L. Helzer, Leonard Sadler, Thomas J. DiPietro, Earl T. Hooper, John Skylark, Eddie S. Hazelwood, Charles E. Howe, Charles S. Thompson, Carol Griffis, Ernest C. Housman, Harry Stuey, and Willie C. King.

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The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the "duration" has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to War Department Separation Centers since 18 September 1945: Pvt. Edward E. Patterson, Fort Devens, Mass., 18 September 1945; Pvt. Allen L. Oma, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 19 September 1945; S/Sgts. Chester L. Kemp, Fritz A. Swanson, and Alford A. Wilson, Sgts. Archie Fineout and Paul G. Simmons, T/4th Gr. Louis W. Stearns, Cpl. George Albertson, Pvts. Frank E. Robbins, Millard J. Tomlin and Edwin Smith, Letterman Separation Center.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Firmino B. Cavalli giving up his noon hour siesta and now becoming an ardent pinochle kibitzer.

Sgt. Harry P. Agruss of the Control Section trying to find a new way of exercising since his office moved from the third to the first floor of the administration building.

T/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell boasting how he can beat the First Sergeant in billiards but also stating that that is the only thing he can win from him.

CIVIL CIRCLES

While sauntering by the War Bond Office this week, we noticed Zita Kelly's new eye-catching, hand-carved name plate. It was given to her by a friend and next time you're in the vicinity, dash in and have a look. Zita returned from a vacation in Mt. Lassen and Klamath Falls, Ore. She was accompanied by her son, Lt. John F. Kelly, who is going overseas very shortly. There was snow in the mountains and Zita said that she had never before seen such beautiful scenery.

We're happy to have Mary Danicich with us again after a long recuperation. She looks very swish in her smooth, new hair-do and said that she feels wonderful and is ready for any eventuality down in the Mess Office.

Lillian Taylor is fit as a fiddle once more. She had a minor operation over at Dante and is most enthusiastic about our annex.

Alice Willig chose a sunny week for her sojourn somewhere in Marin County. She'll be back on duty next Monday.

After a slight delay in Sacramento when her car broke down, Helen Lund finally completed her trip to Salt Lake City. She visited friends and relatives in her old home town.

Signe Anderson from Military Personnel was very invigorated by her stay at Big Basin. One day while she was having a picnic lunch, two fawns appeared and the little does ate out of her hand. Signe was quite thrilled to share her repast with the wild life. San Jose and Monterey were also on her itinerary.

We welcome William Day to the ranks of our Civilian Personnel. He was recently retired from the Army and so enjoyed his work here that he came back after donning his civvies.

We're glad to report that the civilian insignia pins have finally arrived. They're good-looking and if you haven't received yours yet, you'll be contacted within the next few days.

Our secret agent, Elsie Gardner, tells us that the efficiency of certain personnel in her section has fallen off considerably due to the long lines of men passing by daily en route to our new separation center. Eyes left seems to be the theme and we can't say that we blame them.

MAJ. THOMAS BRODERICK NEW CHIEF OF ANESTHESIA, OPERATION SECTION



MAJOR THOMAS BRODERICK
Likes to Sail

When gold medals are struck off for ability combined with congeniality, one of the first to receive the award will be Major Thomas A. Broderick, MC, Chief of Anesthesia and the Operative Section. According to his friends, the Major is one hard-working man who never loses his sense of humor.

Stationed at Letterman since September, 1940, Major Broderick has held down a variety of jobs. For a while he worked under Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, who was then Colonel Kirk, the Chief of the Surgical Staff here.

Next he was Ward Officer on C-1, moving from there to A-1, then to the Outpatients' Branch—where he spent a year and seven months and got to know everyone on the post.

One of his most interesting assignments to date was an extensive study of the newest advances in anesthesia, made during five months detached service at the famed Mayo Clinic. While he was there he had the opportunity of studying with Dr. J. S. Lundy, most noted doctor in

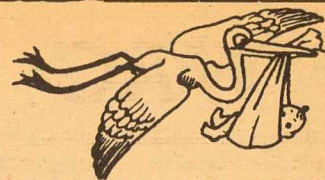
the field.

The handsome Major is an honest-to-goodness native son. Born right here in San Francisco, he went to school in Burlingame, and took his pre-medical training at Stanford University before graduating in medicine at Rush Medical College in Chicago.

He took his internship at the Presbyterian Hospital in the Windy City, and after doing surgical work there, also, came west again to work at St. Mary's Hospital for three years.

Major Broderick comes from a very patriotic family, being one of four sons in service. (The other three men represent three different branches of the service—one Army, one Navy, one Marine Corps.) He's married, and the fond father of two daughters, Marilyn and Joan.

In the free time he has, the Major likes to skim around the bay in a sailboat that's 50% his. It's his great ambition to own a boat 100%, so he can pack twice as much fun into those few well-deserved leisure hours.



To Lt. and Mrs. Wm. W. Tinniswood, a son, **William Walter, Jr.**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 17 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Adolph P. Squeri, a daughter, **Sylvia Catherine**, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces, born 17 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. Albert L. Runkle, a son, **Clifford Charles**, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces, born 18 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. W. R. Morgan, a son, **William Michael**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 19 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. John Turner, a daughter, **Valerie**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 19 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard Scruggs, a son, **Michael Leonard**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 19 September.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. W. E. Fisher, a son, **William Lake, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds, born 19 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. P. H. Coates, a son, **Carroll Crawford**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 19 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. R. D. Whiting, a daughter, **Susan Joan**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 20 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. R. M. Wing, a son, **Robert Julian**, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 20 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. F. F. Demarest, a daughter, **Georganne Elizabeth**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 20 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. Edward F. Jobb, a son, **Edward Francis**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 20 September.

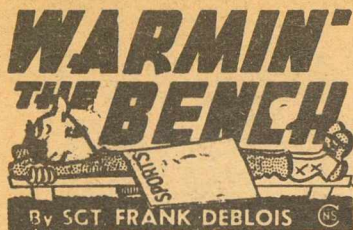
To F.O. and Mrs. W. P. Schaus, a son, **William Philip, Jr.**, weight 5 pounds, born 20 September.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. T. F. Mackey, a daughter, **Elsa Lynn**, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces, born 21 September.

To W.O. and Mrs. B. T. Ross, a daughter, **Carol Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 21 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. J. A. Seeba, a daughter, **Janet Ann**, weight 5 pounds and 10 ounces, born 22 September.

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According to the Esquire poll, which settles such things for posterity, Babe Didrikson Zaharais, the Wrestler's Wife, is the greatest woman athlete of all time. Babe, who won her first fame in the Olympics of 1936 and later enhanced it on the golf links, on the wrestler's mat and across the euchre board, is followed in the polling by Helen Wills, the Moody tennis star, Sonja Henie, the prop cutie of the ice rink, Suzanne Lenglen, another ill-mannered tennis player, and Gertrude Ederle, who swam the English channel.

Our own book differs sharply from Esquire's. In the first place, we're not particularly interested in women athletes unless they are pleasing to look upon. So rating them on glamour rather than performance, we give you Esther Williams, Eleanor Holm and Gloria Callen, the goo-goo girls of the swimming world, and Kay Stammers, the knockout British tennis player. You can cart the rest of them away.

"The biggest fish I ever caught," said Pfc Harwell R. Spleen, an MTO veteran, "was a monster I pulled out of the Bay of Naples, weighing 300 pounds soaking wet."

"Yes," Harwell continued, "that was a fish. And do you know what I used as bait to land that baby? Cognac. Yessir, I fed a bottle of cognac to a technician third grade who was fishing with me. He fell into the bay and the fish swallowed him whole, fishline, cognac and all. Then—quick as a flash—I grabbed the technician's line and hauled the whole mess ashore."

"Yessir," said Harwell. "That was some fish."

The Bulldog on the bench at Colorado Springs, Col. where the 2d AAF Superbombers are preparing their forthcoming football season, is none other than Clyde (Bulldog) Turner, who was the best center in the National Football League, when he played for the Chicago Bears.

The Bulldog has been sitting on the pine since reporting to the Superbombers, while Cpl Jack Baldwin, the team's regular center last season, continues to hold down the pivot post. Turner won't be wasted, however, for Maj Ed Walker, coach of the Superbombers, has announced that Bulldog will be installed at guard—not center—this year.

Chinese Civilians Get GI Sun-Tans, ODs

Chungking (CNS)—If you're sent to China, you're going to see thousands of Chinese walking around in GI suits.

They will have nothing to do with military matters, however, but will be wearing ODs and sun-tans through the doings of United China Relief, which has sent 900 tons of clothing to China for needy Chinese civilians.

MacArthur to Use Nisei as Interpreters

Los Angeles (CNS)—The War Relocation Authority said Gen MacArthur will use Nisei (Americans of Japanese descent) for intelligence work and as interpreters. They were trained at a secret Army school, the announcement said, and are of "unquestioned loyalty."

High Brass Gets News

Tokyo (CNS)—One correspondent covering the occupation who should have no trouble talking to the brass is Julius Ochs Adler, of the New York Times. He was recently retired as a brigadier.

MORE ABOUT GYM OPENS DOORS

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The patients will not only be entitled to use all the gym equipment, but will be outfitted in gym clothes and shoes. The duty personnel will have to provide their own shorts, shirts, and shoes, but, of course, will have full use of all equipment in the gymnasium.



Correction

The Inquiring Line stated recently that a Wac could not be discharged to marry a soldier after his discharge. This is incorrect. A Wac may be separated to marry a veteran of the armed forces who served any time since Sept 16, 1940.

Q. My daughter just reached 18, and, as I understand it, is no longer eligible for an allotment. Is this right? Should I notify the government?

A. Your daughter ceased being a Class A dependent on her 18th birthday and is no longer eligible to receive that allotment. Better report the matter to your orderly room; sooner or later the ODB will catch up and you'll have to refund the overpayment.

Q. I would like to be an embalmer after the war. Can I study this subject under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. Yes, provided you go to an approved school and are eligible for benefits under the GI Bill.

Q. Can I make my fiancée the beneficiary of my insurance?

A. No. Only wives, children, parents, brothers, and sisters may be designated as beneficiaries.

Westbrook, Me (CNS) — My, how it did upset Elizabeth Furbish, 21, the Mayor's daughter, on her wedding day when the bridegroom neglected to show up at the church. Seems he decided to marry someone else instead.

MORE ABOUT RED CROSS WORKER

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assistant field director. Destination England.

Her first English station was St. Paul, where the Red Cross and nurses lived on the estate of Lord and Lady Lichfield, shared the tennis courts, drank their tea. She managed to hit London in January of 1944 in time for the baby blitz, was fascinated at first, lived to grow more serious, even fearful, and last, horrified, when the dive-bombing V-2 "secret weapon" came into use.

Salsbury Plain, Cheltenham, the 250th Station Hospital, General John Lee's Hospital . . . their mission bring an explosion of superlatives from Mrs. Tibbs whose memories of England make a first-class argument for the cementing of Anglo-American relations.

After her love for the GI's, comes her adoration for England and most particularly the English women volunteers, whom she claims were "unbelievably wonderful" in the way they served the Americans overseas.

"Even when food was most scarce in England (and Americans never knew what food rationing really was), the women would pool their ration points to make pastries and delicacies to bring to the patients in our hospitals. We shall be eternally grateful to the British women."

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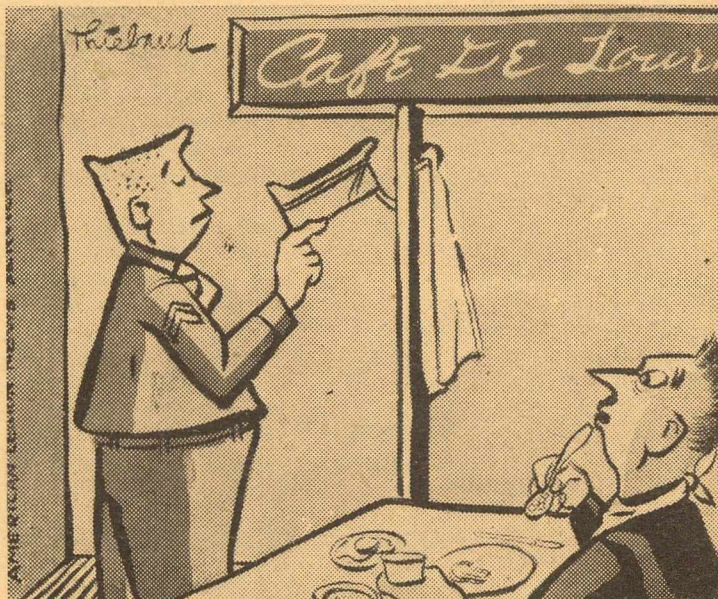
To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. C. G. Schumacker, a daughter, **Connie Joe Ann**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 23 September.

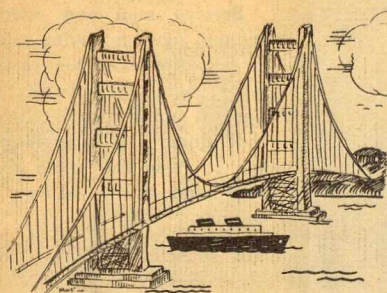
To S/Sgt. and Mrs. U. H. Newma, a son, **Terry Wilson**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 23 September.

To Major and Mrs. P. F. Ewing, a son, **Benjamin Paul**, weight 5 pounds and 8 ounces, born 23 September.

MORE ABOUT WHEN WAR IS OVER

and who have too many points in service at this time may file a Statement of Interest and be separated from active duty without prejudice to their chances of being tendered a commission when legislation is enacted.





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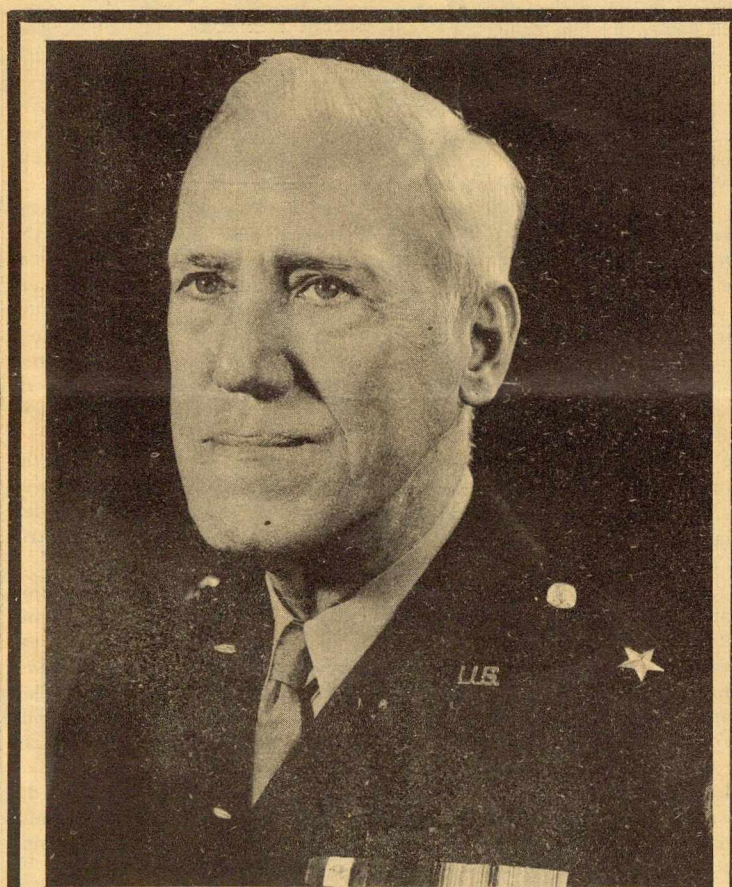
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Death Claims Brig. Gen. Frank W. Weed, Former Commander

Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, U. S. Army, retired, former Commanding General of this hospital, died here on Saturday evening last after a long illness. The general relinquished command of Letterman in August of last year and he was placed on the retired list April 12, 1945.

General Weed had completed more than forty years of military service at the time of his retirement and he had a career marked with distinction. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his accomplishments in World War I and at the end of the war he was detailed as editor in chief of the "Medical and Surgical History of the World War," an assignment he filled for eight years until the completion of the project. He took the course and graduated from the Army War College in 1929.

In 1932 General Weed went to the Philippines where he remained for three years and was successively surgeon at Fort Mills on Corregidor Island, commanding officer of Sternberg General Hospital in Manila, and department surgeon for the Philippines. In 1935 he began a four year tour as surgeon at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and left there to become surgeon of the Second Corps Area in 1939 and a year later was appointed surgeon for the First Army. On this assignment he received an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding achievement in training medical



FRANK W. WEED
Brigadier General, U. S. Army, retired

personnel for field service. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on August 18, 1942.

During his tenure of command here General Weed kept up the old tradition of a daily round of inspection by the commanding general and he was keenly alive to everything happening on the wards and in his office and maintained

close touch with all of the activities in his growing command.

In keeping with his wishes funeral services were private and interment is to take place in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va. General Weed is survived by his widow, Mrs. Abigail Weed, a son, William H. Weed, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Aloe.

General Somervell Makes Inspection At Letterman

The first four-star general to visit Letterman in recent years, General Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces, made an official inspection of the hospital and its facilities on Monday afternoon.

General Somervell was met on arrival by plane at Hamilton Field by the commanding general, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, who was host to General Somervell and his party at a luncheon at the Presidio Officers' Club prior to the inspection here.

General Somervell and his party, under the guidance of our commanding general, went to the surgical and medical wards, the pharmacy, and the Evacuation and Receiving section before moving down to the warehouses of the Medical Supply section. On the round of the wards General Somervell took time to speak a few words to each patient.

Crissy Annex and the processing of liberated prisoners was next on the itinerary of the distinguished visitor and he took a deep interest in the procedure as outlined by General Hillman. A motor tour of the area occupied by the Hospital Train Unit followed during which the questions asked by General Somervell indicated he had a broad knowledge of the problems involved in transporting the sick and wounded across the continent to the inland and east coast general hospitals.

At the conclusion of the inspection General Somervell was highly laudatory in his remarks, and expressed deep satisfaction on the gen-

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Chaplain Kennedy Tells Highlights of Prison Camp Experiences

By GLADYS L. HALLER

Psychologists could learn a lot about human behavior if they talked to Chaplain (Captain) Francis Kennedy, returned prisoner of war and now on temporary duty at Letterman.

"Seeing men relegated to bare existence, and watching their reactions really gives you an insight into humanity," the Catholic Chaplain said in a recent interview.

"There were all kinds of reactions, of course," he continued, "but the two most prevalent were obsession with food and talks about comparative values."

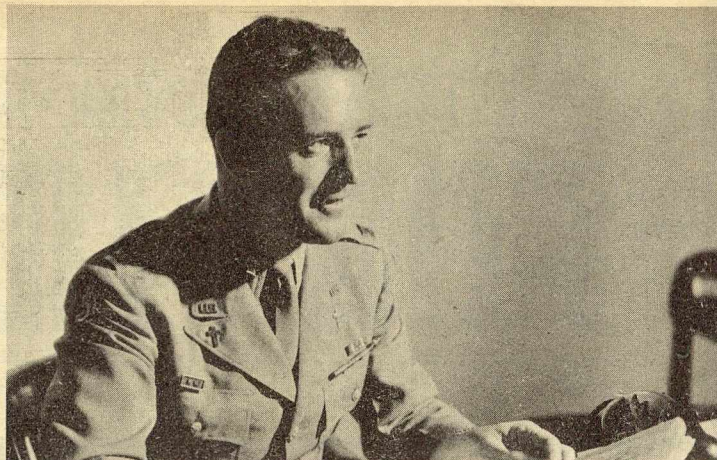
The latter keenly interested the liberated Chaplain. "These men were stripped of all the flourishes and comforts of our present civilizations. Such things as teas, frock-tail coats, dinner parties, luxury cars, didn't mean a thing to us. We thought in terms of a drink of water, a piece of bread, or avoiding a slap in the face. There was nothing else except existence, and we proved man's tenacity for living when we defied the treatment and lived."

Chaplain Kennedy told how he and the men would have round-table discussions or "bull" sessions. In those talks they revealed what they had learned—that it isn't necessary to have all the embellishments that our modern-day ads tell us are necessary. . . . that we don't have to keep up with the Joneses . . . that life in itself is good and that all we really need is a few basic things . . . enough food to be healthy, a small home, a book, a friend, a sunset. All these things that the rest of us take for granted, these men came to know as the "real" things in life, the basis for happy, congenial living.

"Oh, sure," the Chaplain explained, "they didn't always say it like that, but that's what they meant. I have talked to, I would say, at least 60 or 70 per cent of these prisoners, and all of them said they wouldn't want to have to do it again, but none of them regretted their experience."

"And that's how I feel. Certainly it was learning it the hard way, but I think that's the only way it can be learned."

In addition to his keen observation, Chaplain Kennedy has a bubbling humor, which is probably one of the foremost reasons he was able to survive the Jap atrocities.



HUGH F. KENNEDY
Chaplain (Captain) U. S. Army

Concerning the latter, he said and grinned engagingly as he did, "Ninety per cent of what I have read since I came home, I saw happen in the camps, and if I haven't seen it in print, I don't say anything about it."

However, he did give us enough facts that we were able to trace his story from the beginning. At the time of Pearl Harbor, Chaplain Kennedy, formerly of New York City, was Dean of Studies at the Ateneo de Cagayan, a Jesuit College of Mindanao. The school was a four-year Catholic college for Filipino students.

The same day bombs fell on Pearl Harbor they also dropped on Mindanao and within hours his ROTC students were called to active duty. Feeling their need for understanding and religion, he went along and was commissioned as Chaplain of the Cotobato Davao Force.

When asked if he ever toted a gun himself, he smiled and answered, "I took my turn at patrol with the rest of the boys. And due to the scarcity of ammunition, we would borrow each other's ammo. Those were great days and rugged ones, I might add."

Regarding the famous surrender of Corregidor, the Catholic Chaplain said dryly, "When the Rock fell, we were ordered to surrender. You might say we were surrendered, but we never surrendered!"

Once a Jap prisoner, he and the other 49 officers of the famous Cotobato-Davao Force began a tour of concentration camps. First, they spent five months at Malaybalay, and from there were transferred to

Davao Penal Colony, where they stayed from October of '42 until June of '44.

In June, sick with dysentery, Father Kennedy was sent to the Bilibid Prison for hospitalization and was discharged, weak, thin, and still ill to Cabanatuan in August. Here he remained until January of this year when he, along with all the other Cabanatuan prisoners, was liberated in the famous Ranger coup d'etat.

When asked which camp was the worst, Chaplain Kennedy answered without hesitation, "Davao, by far. That's what laid me up for my trip to Bilibid hospital."

As to why he was not transferred out of the Philippines to Jap homeland camps, Chaplain Kennedy explained that he was too ill to travel and was one of the fortunates left behind. "I persuaded them I could only be cured at the sight of the Golden Gate," he added.

When finally the Rangers did come in to release them at Cabanatuan, the Chaplain had an amusing story to tell about that also.

"We heard all the shooting, and thought the Squint-Eyes were coming in to finish us off. But then the next thing we saw was this tall figure standing in the doorway, and he was holding a huge bolo knife and an impressive pistol. One of our men said, 'Who are you?'"

"I'm an American!" he answered. "Where are you from," our man asked—meaning what outfit on the island.

"The American countered, 'I'm from Oklahoma, but what the heck difference does it make?'"

Warning

Service men and veterans are warned against buying automobiles or trucks without first checking the legal ceiling price with the OPA. Certain unscrupulous dealers and individuals are using illegal methods to raise the prices of automobiles and trucks above the legal ceilings.

It is against the law for a dealer to force you to buy a car on time payments when you are willing to pay cash. It is against the law for a dealer to force you to trade in another car as a condition of sale. It is against the law for a dealer or individual to charge you over the ceiling price for a car or truck or any "extras" such as radios or heaters.

Call your local OPA Price Board for information on the legal ceiling price on any make or model car. If you have been overcharged you may sue the seller for three times the amount of the overcharge. The OPA will help you collect.

If you are overcharged on the purchase of a truck, however, you will not be able to collect the overcharge. In all cases of overcharge on trucks the OPA sues and collects the money which is then paid to the United States Treasury. For this reason it is especially important that you check the legal ceiling price of any truck you buy before you pay any money. Call the OPA before closing a deal.

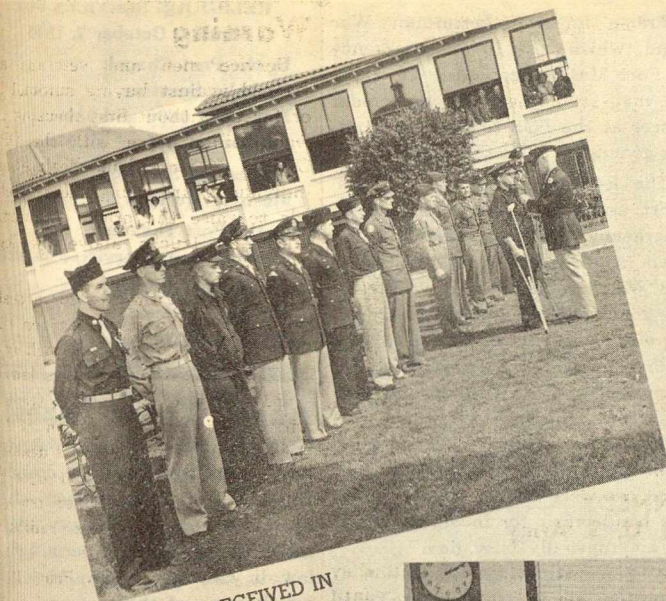
And so the Chaplain goes on telling the humorous side of his experiences, avoiding mention of those episodes so obviously etched in his memory. He is proud of one thing though, and that is that he only missed saying Mass eighty times during his entire internment.

"I had a hard time getting the altar breads, but we received a small supply through the underground."

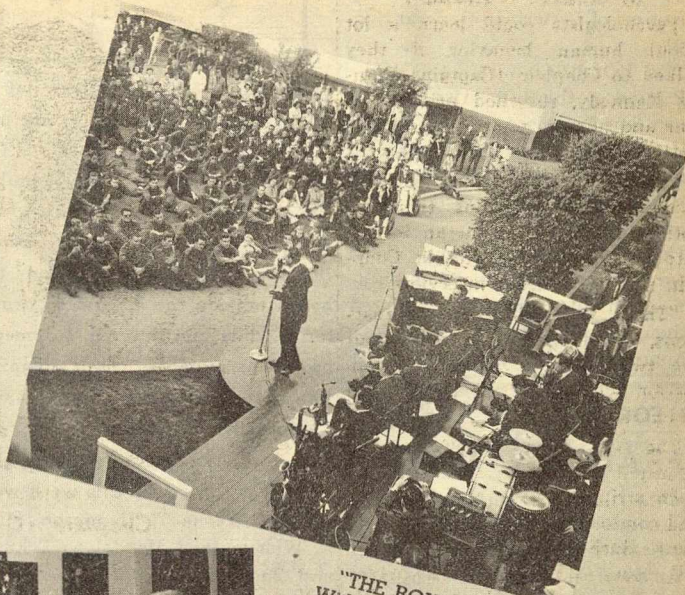
Father Kennedy has been back in the states for six months, and has spent his time visiting families of casualties he knew in the camps. He now is awaiting orders to go back to the Nip Empire and explains his desire to do so, "I want to be with the GI's over there. I think they need a Chaplain who knows the Nips, and how they work."

As for the future, he wants to return to Mindanao and his old job as Dean of Studies.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK AT LETTERMAN PICTURED HERE



FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION
The Commanding General making the award of the Purple Heart medal to patients—recently liberated from Japanese camps—for wounds in action.

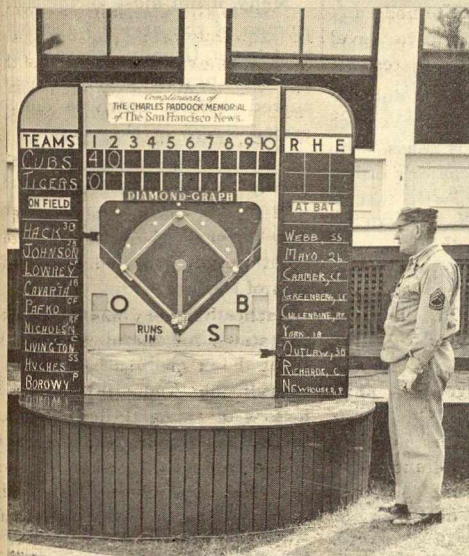


"THE ROYAL CANADIANS"
With Guy Lombardo directing give a concert in the patio for a large audience of patients.

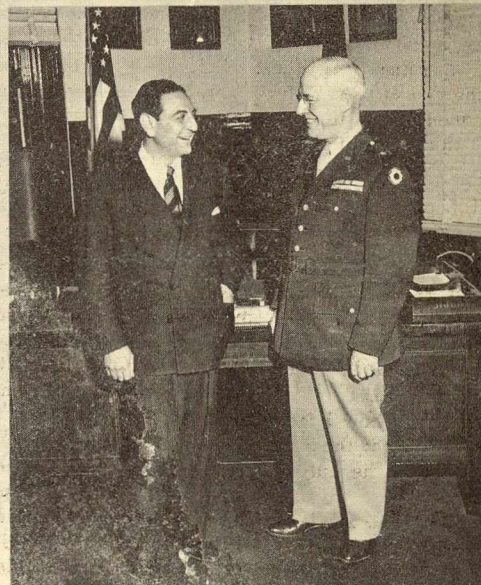


MAJOR LEE INMAN
Receiving the congratulations of the Commanding General on his promotion to that grade.

THE WORLD SERIES
Brought to the patients through the courtesy of the San Francisco "News."



GUY LOMBARDO
Exchanges pleasantries with the Commanding General during his visit to Letterman on Sunday last.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

FRANK W. WEED

Death—as it must come to all men—came to Brigadier General Frank W. Weed on Saturday last in the hospital which was his last command. At the time of his retirement in April he had completed more than 40 years of active duty as an officer of the Medical Corps.

Professionally, General Weed had a distinguished career and his selection to supervise the writing of the "Medical and Surgical History of the World War" was evidence that his superiors had every confidence in his ability to carry to a successful conclusion such a valuable contribution to the store of knowledge reserved for future generations.

As an officer of the Army, General Weed exercised high and important commands with distinction. He received the Distinguished Service medal for his work in World War I and an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second award of the same medal for his achievements in World War II.

His soldierly bearing, his courtly manner, and a graciousness that savored of the Old World made a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of being numbered among his friends. His ability as an administrator merited the highest respect of all who served under his command.

General Weed has passed on but the memory of his achievements survives. He was an officer and a gentleman in everything the terms imply.



Six LGH nurses walked out of their wards this week, tossing perhaps a reminiscent glance or two over their shoulders; they climbed the hollowed, foot-worn steps to the administration building's second floor, settled tentatively on the bench outside the separation center for a while and entered, to emerge no longer members of an organization but individuals with self-created lifetime ahead of them.

Those who passed through the separation process here this week were 1st Lts. Werna T. Thompson, Mary E. Wheeler and Magdalena Eckman and 2nd Lts. Juanita B. Sofranko, Dorothy B. Bagley and Carmen Stuart.

As the six left Letterman, their Army careers ended, three new nurses, fresh out of basic, came here on their first assignment.

Second Lt. Phyllis Brown, who received her B.S. degree from the University of California in June 1945, is a resident of Oakland. She arrived October 1 from Madigan Hospital Center, Fort Lewis, Wash., as did 2nd Lt. Sarah G. Gomez who, after completing junior college in June 1943, became an operating room nurse until August 30 when she was commissioned in the Army; her home is San Bernardino. The following day 2nd Lt. Eathel Ann Newton of Cottage Grove, Ore., arrived from Madigan.

Relieved from duty here to be transferred to another station was 1st Lt. Mary A. Ward, a Letterman staff member for several weeks, who went to England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.

Madigan also lost two dietitians to Letterman, 2nd Lts. Ruth M. Hvidston and Donna P. Zimmerman.

After a three-day lecture series on current medical problems, Major Ruth Wagner and Major Nell Suggs returned to duty here September 29 from Fort Scott. Also back, but from leave, were 1st Lts. Ruth C. Dryden and Eloise Ennis and 2nd Lt. Joan C. Feast of Dante while 1st Lt. Helen B. Clark of Dante took off Monday on a 15-day rest.

WAC

Praise for the Letterman Wac band, which rose to an emergency at Fort Mason September 26, came via mail from the troop movement officer at the POE to the commanding general of LGH this week.

The letter, in part, said: "Upon short notice, due to an unforeseen emergency, this headquarters found itself in need of a band to play on the 'Welcome Home' boat of September 26. Though your band was playing elsewhere that day from 1300 to 1425, they agreed to board the 'Welcome Home' boat at 1430 and play for troops coming into the harbor.

"Due to the splendid cooperation from your headquarters and this band, we were able to have continuous band music for incoming troops on an unusually busy day."

At a formal retreat formation at Hamilton Field last Friday, T/3rd Gr. Dorothea Fassett received posthumous awards of the air medal and an oak leaf cluster for her brother, a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps, who was killed in action last January. Dorothea was the only person in uniform to be presented with the medals; besides her, three fathers and a wife of a serviceman were honored. A visiting two-star general, back from service with the air forces in Italy, made the presentations.

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Though Pfc. Alice Hanell and T/5th Gr. Helen Haynie were stationed at Hoff General Hospital 16 and 14 months, respectively, they didn't know each other until last Saturday when they were transferred together to Letterman. Several beds down from them is another LGH newcomer, T/5th Gr. Vernice Jaques from Fort Devens, Mass., who works in the sergeant major's office.

T/5th Gr. Gladys Forseth, who is being discharged next week, will return home to Minnesota just about the same time as her older brother whom she hasn't seen for 49 months; he is being discharged and will go home as a civilian. At the same time Gladys' younger brother, with whom she was sworn into service, is shipping out to the Pacific. T/5th Gr. Mary Hanna's husband, who arrived in New York last Friday, wired her of leaving Sunday for Camp Beale to be discharged. Pvt. Evelyn Wadsworth and T/5th Gr. Ruby Williams are also dreamy-eyedly making plans for their homes.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 7, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

About Those Taxes!

All Collectors of Internal Revenue have been instructed by Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to give veterans every consideration permitted by law in clearing up any back taxes which some of them owe.

The Commissioner wrote to each field office as follows:

"If a discharged veteran is unable to pay income taxes within the period of deferment provided by Section 513 of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act (six months after discharge), or is unable to pay promptly any other Federal tax liability incurred prior to or during his term of service, Collectors should deal with the matter of collection in a cooperative and sympathetic manner. Partial payments, geared to the financial resources of the service man or woman may be accepted in such cases."

Many, if not most, of the men and women of the armed forces owe no past taxes. Usually, where a veteran has some unpaid taxes, they were incurred before entrance into the armed forces or they resulted from civilian income received in addition to service pay. Tax was incurred on service pay only when it exceeded \$2,000 per year (\$500 personal exemption plus special \$1,500 exclusion of service pay).

Veterans and returning service personnel in general who have any Federal tax problems are invited to consult the local offices of the Collectors of Internal Revenue for information, help in preparing returns, and other assistance.

Tallahassee, Fla (CNS)—Easily offended is a local man who slugged a passing woman on the street. "She winked at me," he told the court. "That made me mad."

WAC OF THE WEEK

ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON
T/5th Gr.

Elizabeth Williamson, dark, tall and what novels of the 20's were fond of describing as "willowy," left a budding stage career in the film center, Hollywood, to enter medical technician training in the Wac and she has since become so interested in it she is doubtful whether to make acting or nursing her career.

Up to the time that a dramatic "Uncle Sam Needs You" poster pointed a convincing finger at her, Elizabeth was working with a Little Theater group in Hollywood, the only non-professional in a strictly professional outfit. She supported herself by doing plastic assembly work.

Before this, she had been in plays and dramatic work in California, her home state, since she was 12 when she first began taking private lessons and eventually became part of a small company directed by her dramatics instructor.

While in high school Elizabeth acted with this student company as well as with the Pasadena playhouse and her high school dramatists—and sometimes all of them at once.

"I remember being in three plays at the same time," said the LGH Wac when questioned. "I was an Irish housekeeper in one, a Cockney barmaid in another, and in the last, a Cockney housekeeper. I had a hard time trying to make all the rehearsals. I remember I concentrated on the two Cockney roles."

When she went on to San Mateo Junior college, Elizabeth set out to get into every play she could. Two of the productions were "Dear Brutus" and "Twelfth Night" in which she played Violette.

"I adored that," she said of the Violette part, one of her three major Shakespearean roles. "In the beginning I wanted to be a Shakespearean actress," Elizabeth explained. "Now if I go back to acting, I want to do comedy. It's much harder; it depends so much on timing; it's not just tearjerking. But to get people laughing is wonderful."

Elizabeth spent two terms at New York University, then came back to California to attend Pomona College for three years and graduate from there. Her greatest thrill was receiving an orchid, her first, from the cast of the college production, "Double Dora," in which she had the lead.

SUGGESTIONS ARE STILL IN ORDER, SAYS SERVICE COMMANDING GENERAL

Peace-time continuance of the War Department's suggestion program at Ninth Service Command installations, where operational costs were slashed \$2,283,330 since its adoption in 1943, was emphatically urged today by Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general, in a message to military and civilian personnel throughout the west.

General Shedd declared that the program, inaugurated nearly two years ago by the War Department as a means to increase efficiency and save valuable time and manpower, has proven highly successful.

The huge savings in the Ninth Service Command, he pointed out, represents only a portion of the \$100,000,000 saved by adoption of 43,500 suggestions submitted by civilian and military personnel assigned to Army installations throughout the country. A total of 282,000 ideas were submitted during the emergency, he added.

Originators of suggestions placed in effect at NSC posts, camps and stations were paid \$54,763 by the War Department since July of 1943.

In addition, 519 non-monetary awards—promotions, furloughs and citations—were presented to military personnel.

General Shedd highly commended personnel for their participation in the program and emphasized that not only had economy been achieved but also better worker-management relationship attained.

"The peace-time keynote of the War Department is to further increase economy and efficiency in all Army operations. The necessity of continuance of the suggestion program is obvious," he said.

Suggestions adopted and placed in operation ranged from simple ideas for increased efficient operational procedures to highly technical improvements that saved unestimable lives on the battlefronts.

General Shedd pointed out that civilian employees may be awarded up to \$1,000 for acceptance of a single idea. Military personnel, not eligible for monetary reward, will continue to receive appropriate recognition for all suggestions adopted, he added.

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE R. FULLER
Private

Pvt. George R. Fuller of East St. Louis, Ill., was not in action in the Pacific very long, but he returned comforted by the knowledge that his Browning automatic rifle had accounted for "my share and then some" of enemy soldiers.

The 28-year-old former glass blower was overseas four months in a rifle company of the famous 37th Infantry (Buckeye) Division. He saw action on Luzon during the closing days of the Philippine campaign.

Private Fuller, at Letterman for treatment of an injury received during the fighting in northern Luzon, is awaiting transfer to another hospital.

"I wasn't in action long," he said, "and I hated to come back this way—with just an injury. But I know I got my share and then some with my BAR."

"The action I saw was tough enough, though. I remember one time that I was knocked unconscious by heavy mortar fire, and couldn't hear at all for three weeks. The Japs were pouring in their big mortars at night."

Private Fuller, who won the Combat Infantryman Badge, received his basic training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Fannin, Texas. He joined the veteran "Buckeye" Division, famous for its achievements in the Solomons, when he was assigned overseas.

He also has the Philippine Liberation ribbon, granted by the Philippine Commonwealth government to all troops taking part in the fighting to free the islands.

Before he entered the Army, Private Fuller was a foreman in the Obearnester Glass Company in East St. Louis. He had worked there as a glass blower for 12 years.



"I got her at a fire sale in India, Mom."

OK Court Case to Protect GI Rights

American Legion's National Committee Acts to Safeguard Job Seniority

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ALNS)—In the sessions of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion held here recently, several matters of interest to men and women now in the armed forces were taken up and decisions made which should be far-reaching.

The national committee authorized the Legion officials to start a test case in the courts to protect the seniority rights in employment of returned service persons under the regulations of the Selective Service Law.

Reservation by the government of certain public lands in the west for homesteading by veterans of World War II was called for.

The government is urged to conduct a thorough search of all islands in the Pacific, at the conclusion of the war, for the purpose of rescuing any members of the armed forces who may have been shot out of the air, or landed from wrecked vessels, and made their way to any of these islands.

Provisions for a Gold Star pilgrimage to the next of kin to the overseas military cemeteries where American war dead lie buried, following the war, should now be made, stated the Legion committee.

The government was urged to increase the subsistence allowance of GIs who take advantage of the educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.

The Legion will also conduct a campaign to secure from the public generally, more courteous treatment of disabled returned GIs—who are frequently given little consideration, particularly in public conveyances and in public places, by careless or thoughtless persons.

Want to Buy Ducks for Amphibious Bus Line

COLWYN BAY, Wales (ALNS)—A local bus company has applied for a franchise to operate an amphibious bus service on the bay here, and hopes to acquire some "ducks" from the armed forces for the purpose.

News From Home

Goshen, N. Y. (CNS) — The Board of Elections has received a request to drop the name of W. Bryan Medina from the list of candidates for coroner. He has been dead 4 years.

"HAPPY" HALLER HOPS HOMEWARD BUT HOPEFULLY HOLDS HER HORIZON HERE



1st Lieut. GLADYS L. HALLER, WAC
Assistant Public Relations Officer who was separated from the service on Friday

Friends in all parts of the country are about to receive "Flash" cards announcing that Lieut. Gladys L. Haller has again become "Happy" Haller, and is homeward bound to civilian life. Being the assistant Public Relations officer here it was rather appropriate that "Hap" use the newspaper technique and terminology for the occasion.

Lieut. Haller has been at Letterman since last June when she was transferred from Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta. She came here with a dynamic reputation, and there has been nothing static about her in these parts. The girl has oodles of ideas—a "must" for those engaged in promotional publicity—and some of them were good, even very good. We could tell when a very good idea was coming up because then "Hap" would introduce the thought with her favorite expletive "Jeez"—and it is not exactly a swear word.

The youthful female officer got a good grip on her job almost at once, and soon established cordial relations with the representatives of the local press and radio outlets.

She had the ability to pursue a news story with the perseverance of a beagle hound on a hot trail, and elusive details were quickly gathered into the complete story ready for publication.

"Hap" hails from New Albany, Indiana, but like so many others from that sector she is a rooter for California, and plans to settle in our Golden State. Some further studies at Stanford are on her agenda, and she expects to affiliate with one of the local papers as a source of "eating money." The same force that drove her around Letterman will carry her to a successful career as a publicist—or did she fool us completely?

She never had a yen for personal publicity, and was unaware she was being interviewed for this article. In fact, we asked her but one question—how did she feel about doffing olive drab and thinking of clothes with color and more color. "Hap" answered that briefly, and in her inimitable style.

"Jeez, it's wonderful to be a civilian again."

Good luck!!

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: M/ William J. Mairs, T/3rd Gr. Richard H. Foote, T/4th Gr. Charles Prater, Cpls. Gaeton L. Lococo, Paul J. Merck, Thomas D. Chaunnessy, Arturo Longoria, Adam J. Shaw and Wilton R. MacLachlan, Pvts. Wilfred W. Kjoleo, Bill Green, Oscar Rogers, John A. Lseko, Oliva H. Granger, Wendell J. Durlfinger, Ernest I. Logan, Manuel J. Candido, Frank G. Manderle, Frederick J. Hansen, Margarito Robles, Salvatore J. Marano, George R. Whaley, Orville V. De Long, Evan E. Stone, Leo C. Pouliot, Archie N. Taylor, William C. Martin, Thomas E. Davoren, Albert L. Vendouris, William D. Cary, Tolly D. McCorkle, Philip W. Gross, Lee Buchanan, Henry P. Vermette, James Sanders, Alphonse J. Ceres, Joseph M. Czewski, Mowyer C. Stump, John L. Cordell, Ismael Hernandez, Carlos Vera, Joseph T. Kurszewski, William A. Zethner, Lawrence L. McDowell, Arcadia Cruz Rivera, Harold W. Mage, William A. Theisen, Thomas L. Gerber, Robert McDonald, Ralph E. Ullman, Marion O. Moody, John E. Roberson, Harvin R. Stovall, Allen H. Martell and Lyman D. Stamper.

The following men are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "Little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the Letterman Separation center since 25 September 1945: S/Sgt. Herman K. Knoller, Sgts. Caesar J. Michelotti and Philip Passerelli, T/4th Grs. Arno A. Savage and Odra D. Freeman, Cpls. Frank DeNota and Franklin P. Reynolds, Pvts. John C. Lohnen, Carmine J. Lepore, William Goyn, Luther E. Berry, Merle S. Knutson, George N. Blackmon, Royal R. Ryman, Ernest I. Daniels, and Elizardo R. Delgado.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgts. Peter Ricca and Julius Heintz starting a new hair fashion and calling it the "Flat Top."

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

We have been having a Back Home Week here at LGH. What with husbands being discharged from various branches of the service and returning from the far-flung theatres of war, many members of our feminine contingent are migrating inland. They'll return to pick up their lives where they were disrupted back in the early 1940s. We regret seeing them go, but we wish them well and they take our very highest commendation for doing a good job and being on hand when they were badly needed.

Pearly Bills will accompany her husband, Lt. Col. Clyde Bills, to Texas, his new station. We have a feeling that picking up bundles of laundry won't be nearly the fun it used to be.

Also on the list of departures is Mary Daniels, who is moving across the bay to Richmond to attend to her wifely duties. Shirley Slemmons from the Baggage Room will make Bremerton, Wash., her home for a while. And Ellen Young plans to do nothing but rest on her return to Helena, Mont. Fannie Roseman was homesick for Pennsylvania and her family there. From the Chaplain's Office, Fay Collins is off to Dallas, Texas with her newly discharged husband. There are three in the Oklahoma group, Lula Louis, Millie Gully and Claudine Betts. Flora Thames will reside in Salt Lake City, Utah, where her Lieutenant is being transferred. The Record Room of R & E is losing Constance Black and Rose Maxwell, whose husbands are both home to stay. While making a fond adieu to those leaving, may we extend a sincere welcome to all the newcomers who are replacing them.

Dolores Coughlin has a new tour of duty repairing books in the library. She may be seen daily tripping over the ramps laden with heavy tomes. She's thoroughly delighted with the change and is learning a lot, unquote. Gus Teves had a visit with his daughter from Honolulu, T.H. He's entertaining her in S.F. after a separation of 10 years.

The first blood donation in the laundry under the new plan was made by Florence Costello. She said that she was very happy to do it and it gave her a great deal of personal satisfaction.

WE LOSE OUR POPULAR CHAPLAIN AS HE HEADS FOR OKLAHOMA IN "CIVIES"



GUY C. TETIRICK
Chaplain (Captain) U. S. Army

Passing through our Separation Point this week on his way out of the service was Chaplain (Captain) Guy C. Tetirick, one of our assistant Post Chaplains, who leaves behind him a veritable host of friends and admirers.

Chaplain Tetirick joined the Letterman staff a little over a year ago and soon was established in the affections of the personnel of the command. He brought with him the experience gained as a chaplain in World War I, as well as lessons learned on tours of duty in the hospital at Camp White, and Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, Calif., and McCaw General Hospital at Walla Walla, Wash.

The chaplain has been in Kansas but has served in the ministry in Oklahoma for most of his clerical career. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Theology but long ago lost the accent peculiar to that part of New England.

Chaplain Tetirick was untiring in his efforts to bring solace to the

sick and wounded coming in from the battle fronts of the Pacific area, and usually he was the first to greet the patients with a word of cheer. His pleasing personality made him a welcome visitor on the wards and his "tall tales" of the wonders of his adopted state won him an interested audience on all occasions.

When the Crissy Annex was opened recently to care for the recovered American military personnel (RAMPS) the chaplain's work was entrusted to the care of Chaplain Tetirick, and that area became his "parish"—a charge relinquished only when he received his orders to proceed home. Men returned from period of imprisonment in the hands of Japs took advantage of the presence of Chaplain Tetirick to get caught up on events transpiring while they were held in a "black out" of news. His unflinching good humor was a tonic to men who have had little to laugh about since Corregidor fell.

According to the word received from the "brass hats" on topside we

The Stork Was Here

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. Roy A. Johnson, a daughter, **Diana Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 24 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. R. N. Gray, a son, **Dean Anthony**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 24 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. A. R. Gurvich, a daughter, **Joan Elaine**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 24 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Joseph L. Leitner, a son, **Joseph John**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 25 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Otto Casalego, a daughter, **Susan**, weight 5 pounds and 5 ounces, born 26 September.

To Sgt. and Mrs. William J. Hane-kamp, a son, **William James**, weight 9 pounds and 8 ounces, born 27 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Bill Defrance, a daughter, **Kathleen Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 27 September.

To Major and Mrs. William R. Westerfield, a daughter, **Jaye Rogers**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 27 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. Jack K. Campbell, a daughter, **Camilla Dwyer**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, born 28 September.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Gilbert E. Keitges, a daughter, **Joyce Ellen**, weight 8 pounds and 5 ounces, born 28 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. Arthur N. Munn, a daughter, **Suzanne**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 28 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Ernest A. La-Valley, a daughter, **Carol Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 29 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. Roy Nash, a daughter, **Carolyn Jean**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 29 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Donald D. Sleep, a daughter, **Patricia Lynn**, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces, born 29 September.

To Major and Mrs. William T. Cherry, a son, **William Terrell**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 30 September.

will get a replacement for Chaplain Tetirick but we doubt that any other chaplain will ever take his place in our affections.

Aloha—and pleasant rides in the "Surrey with the Fringe on Top."

Artist Works Here

The sketch of Pvt. Duane Kaline on this page was done by George E. Stratton, former illustrator for the Chronicle and Call-Bulletin, during a two-day visit to Letterman this week.

Mr. Stratton has been sketching wounded veterans in Army hospitals for the last three years. Now he is doing a series in connection with the Army's Arts and Skills program, administered by the American Red Cross.

In addition to sending the men the original sketches and photostatic copies of same, he also furnishes to the Seattle Times and Oakland Post-Enquirer prints of men from their surrounding territories.

Some of the sketch-artist's drawings have appeared in Time Magazine.

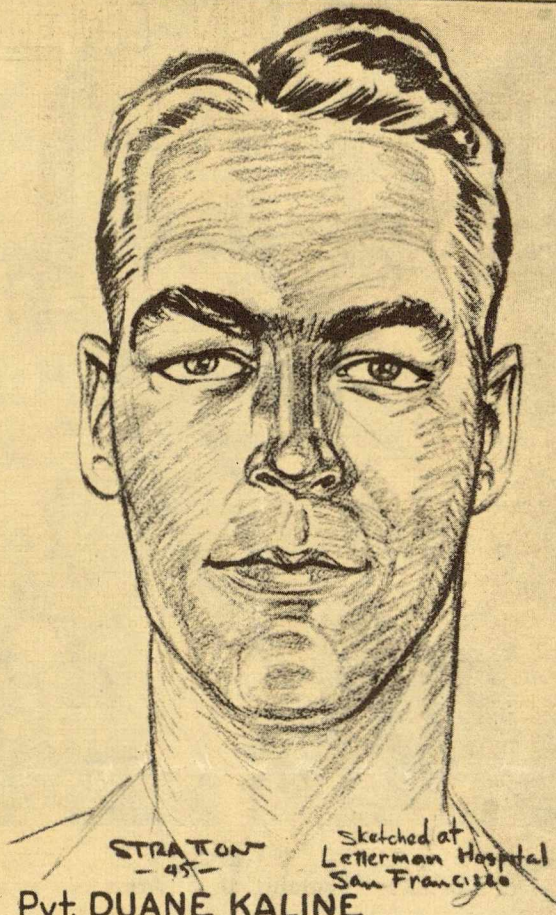
Faker in U. S. Uniform Branded Nazi by FBI

NEW YORK, N. Y. (ALNS)—The F. B. I. has ended a masquerade that started at Berlin, Germany, and ended at Camp Upton, New York, and now Karl Horst Wacker, alias Pvt. William Walker, U. S. Army, is detained at Ellis Island while it is being determined which one of a number of charges shall be pressed against him.

Wacker, born in Germany in 1925, was brought to the United States by his parents at the age of three. He spent school years in Germany, then returned to the United States. In February, 1944, he was deported to Europe as a dangerous alien enemy. He attended a Nazi espionage school, but was dismissed as being inefficient—which may explain why his spy school nickname was "Dumbo."

When the American Army reached Berlin, Wacker showed up in an American uniform, declared he had landed at Normandy with the invading forces, had been captured by the German forces, escaped and served with the Russian army, and was glad to "rejoin" the U. S. Army. He said his name was William Walker, and aside from the information given, pretended to be an amnesia victim as the result of his war prison experiences. The army accepted him, gave him the best of care, and shipped him back to the United States for treatment of his amnesia—but the F. B. I. took an interest in his case and Wacker's disguise has been ripped off.

HOSPITAL SKETCHES BY STRATTON



Pvt. DUANE KALINE

BORN AUG. 11, 1924, AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA—HOME TOWN—YAKIMA, WASH., WHERE HE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL... BEFORE THE WAR HE WAS IN THE MERCHANT MARINE... SERVED WITH INFANTRY, 32ND DIV. IN LUZON & PHILIPPINES... ONE STAR... PURPLE HEART... HE PLANS TO FINISH SCHOOL AND BECOME PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR.



Guy Lombardo And His Royal Canadians Entertain Here

Guy Lombardo and his "Royal Canadians" entertained on Sunday afternoon in the patio packed with patients and personnel of the command. It was one of the largest crowds ever gathered there for a performance of any kind and a tribute to the popularity of Guy and his gang.

In order to put on this program the musicians volunteered to devote their only day of the week free from work on a picture now in the making in Hollywood. A plane of the Air Transport Command brought them from Burbank in the morning and returned them on Sunday evening.

It was a full day for the "Royal Canadians" and a gala day for our patients.

MORE ABOUT GENERAL SOMERVELL

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eral excellence of our facilities for the care of the sick.

Accompanying General Somervell were Major General Richard Donovan, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army Service Forces, Major General William E. Shedd, Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, and Brigadier General Robert C. Garrett, Commanding General, Central District of California.

Following the departure of the high ranking inspection party General Hillman took occasion to thank all who had done so much to present an outstanding command to the eye of the visitors.

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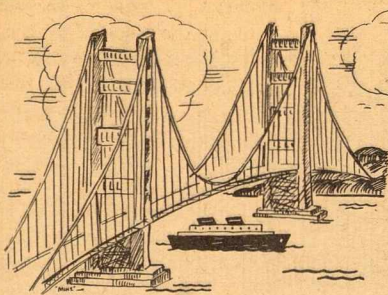
Answers to your questions as to your rights under U. S. laws, prepared by The American Legion

Question: "Is the family allowance my family draws as dependents of a member of the armed forces subject to the income tax?"

—Cpl. J. L. T.
Answer: The entire amount of the family allowance is exempt from tax payments by the beneficiary. The portion contributed by the government is considered to be a gift, and the amount withheld from the pay of the enlisted man for transmittal to his family is part of his income.



Recruitment for Veterans



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Surgeon General Urges Prompt Release of Eligible Personnel

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, expressed the desire that all commanding officers give the fullest possible cooperation towards effecting the early release of Medical Department personnel who are eligible for separation from the service under the announced policy.

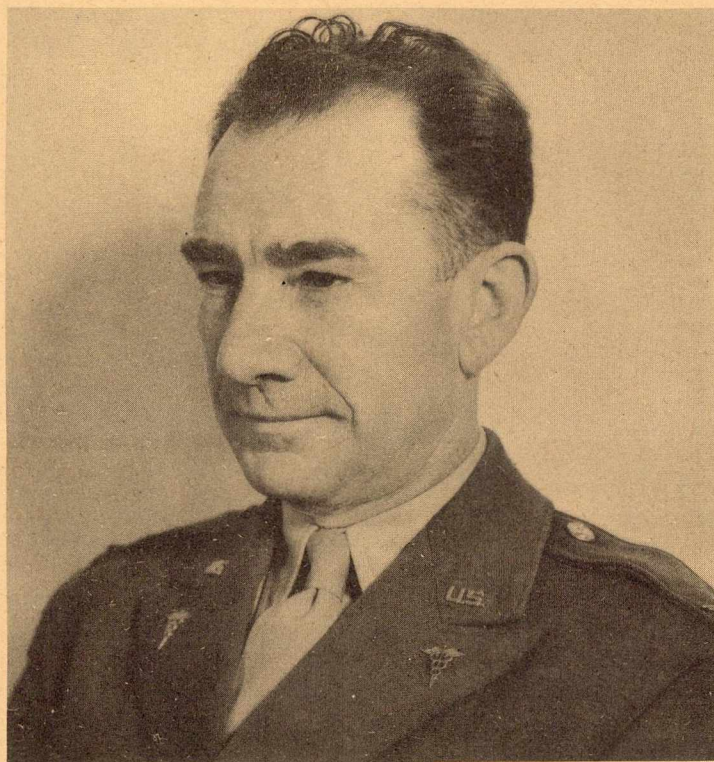
At the same time he urged that all Medical Department personnel occupying key positions and who are eligible for separation under the present criteria volunteer to continue on active duty to assist in maintaining the present high standards of medical care if no replacement is immediately available. It is contemplated that a period of six months' duty will be sufficient time to allow for the arrival of a replacement or for training an officer to take over duties of key positions and thus allow all officers eligible for release to be returned to civilian life.

General Kirk requested that commanding officers make every effort to obtain replacements for Medical Department personnel eligible for release in order that those officers might be returned to civil life at the earliest possible moment.

Under the announced Medical Department demobilization policy, Medical and Dental Corps officers are eligible for release providing they meet any one of the following criteria:

- Adjusted service score of 80 or above.
- 48 years of age to the nearest birthday or above.
- Entry on active duty prior to Pearl Harbor excepting critical specialties.

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Colonel MACK M. GREEN, MC
Who joined our Medical Service this week

COL. GREEN REPORTS FOR DUTY HERE

Colonel Mack M. Green, Medical Corps, and officer of the Regular Army, has reported for duty at Letterman and has been assigned as Executive Officer for the Medical Service.

Colonel Green is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Vanderbilt University. He was commissioned in 1925 and comes to us after a tour of 38 months in the European Theatre of Operations where he served as Base Surgeon successively in Ireland, England, France, Belgium, and Germany.

His service prior to the war included tours of duty in the Philippines and Panama, and two tours at Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colo., and William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas.

Colonel Green and Colonel Seth O. Craft, Letterman executive officer, had served together in the Philippines 15 years ago and they are now using off moments to catch up on the happenings of the intervening years.

Separation Center Now Working Very Smoothly Here

Khaki-tinged lines that flanked both sides of the west half of the administration building's second floor were deeper and longer than usual this week as the LGH separation center went into its fourth week of existence.

By midweek the totals on enlisted personnel and officers, male and female, had hit the 300 mark while the seven military personnel and six civilians employed in the office tossed desperate looks out the door for a possible end of the line and one military person, assigned to the section, remarked wryly, "It's no fun watching them whiz in and out, you know."

The separation office, with its functions of interviews and record-keeping, is the first step in the process of discharge. Separatees, if they are enlisted persons, are interviewed by Miss Margaret Trumpour; if nurses, by Mrs. Charlotte Smith and, if other officers, by S/Sgt. Walter Vecchio. Lt. Rogers Cox is in charge of the office and directly under him is S/Sgt. Robert Lamaysou.

From the separation office, discharges go to the receiving section for their physicals and then back to the second floor for interviewing and counseling by 1st Lt. George J. Kaplan and Cpl. J. E. Miller. There they learn all the benefits to which they are entitled, are given an identification ticket procuring for them rates on travel home, and are given discharge emblems.

The final step, or series of steps, is to the finance office, third floor, where prospective vets sign the payroll for the last time; they collect

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Buddies Sound Praise for Modest Medical Aid Man

The first time we heard of T/Sgt. Kenneth W. Bailey was five minutes after General Hillman had presented letters from President Truman to the 60 Army prisoners of War who came home via the Symbolic Flight a few weeks ago.

An earnest-looking young corporal came shyly into our busy Public Relations Office, nervously fingering the letter he had just received. He took a couple of deep breaths, blushed two shades deeper, then blurted out: "Look, I don't want my name mentioned, but I'd sure appreciate it if you could do something about a story on a guy who should have been out there today, receiving one of these" . . . he took the letter out of its envelope and showed us the President's signature.

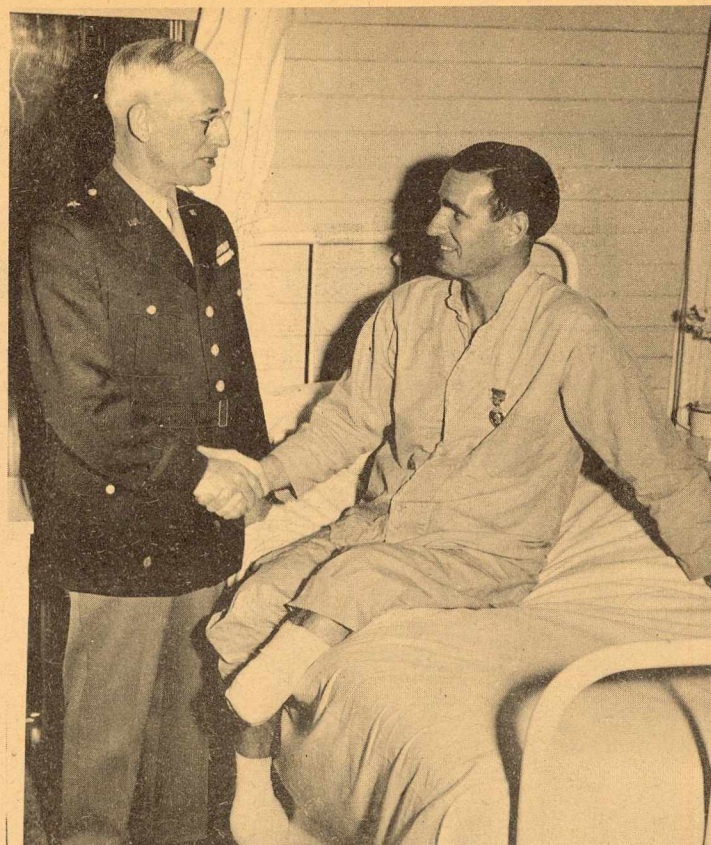
"This man," the corporal began telling us, "was the most popular person in our camp—Yokaichi, that was—and now he's in Ward 29. For a whole month, he was the only medical man in camp, taking care of everyone until planes came over, strafing him and making it necessary to have his left foot and part of his right foot amputated right then and there."

"I know a letter or a story couldn't compensate him in any way, but at least he'd know we were thinking of him . . . and we want him to know how much we appreciated all he did for us."

We realized that only a very special person could command such a heart-felt tribute, so we headed for Ward 29 to talk to him.

Sgt. Bailey, we're here to report, is a handsome, dark-haired soldier with the steadiest pair of blue eyes and most expressive hands we've seen in a long time. We asked him to give us his version of his experiences, and he began by telling us he was captured May 10th, 1942. First he was taken to Malaybalay, leaving there the 15th of October for a cruise around the Southern Pacific Isles before landing at Davao. He was there until June 6, 1944 when he was sent to Manila, then spent 60 days on the tortuous trek to Japan. He was interned at a camp at Yokaichi exactly one year—having been released Sept. 14th of this year.

At Yokaichi, there was only one doctor until the first of June, and then he was taken away, leaving Ken in charge of a few medical aid



THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Chats with Tech. Sgt. Kenneth W. Bailey, of Detroit, after making the award of the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received while a prisoner in Japanese hands.

men and helpers in the infirmary.

"Fortunately," Ken said, "we had no serious cases come up. One of the men had an attack of appendicitis, and I was hoping I would know how to operate if it became necessary. We called a Jap doctor from a station on up the line, and he was able to get us some ice for packs. But that's all we did have. The man recovered enough so an operation wasn't needed, but I really worried away a few precious pounds over it."

"We had a dispensary set up, with three sick calls a day. Men could come in at 7:00 a. m. before going to work in the fields or factories for treatment. We had another call at 11:00 for the men who became ill while working during the morning. Then we held another general call at 4:00 in the afternoon. The Japs let us pretty much alone, to handle the men as best we could. Our inspections were made by a little Jap corporal who interfered only when he thought there weren't

enough men working and insisted some of the patients get up and report for work, to fill the quota. We tried to keep the hospital warm, but we had only a few charcoal stoves—abachis—and cheap cotton blankets for the sixty straw mats."

"Most of the men were working in the copper factory near the camp," Ken went on to say, "so a great number of them suffered from sulphuric acid burns. The next most frequent accidents happened as the result of ore-car collisions—the men were constantly coming in for treatment of fractured legs, having been crushed or run over by the uncontrollable cars."

We had few medical supplies—those given us by the Japs were ineffective. We had smuggled some sulfa drugs from the Philippines, and they were literally life savers."

"The day I was hit, a Dutch Naval Doctor was transferred to our camp. And it was lucky for me he was. Our planes were bombing and strafing the copper factory next door,

MORE ABOUT SURGEON GENERAL

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cialists qualified in eye, ear, nose and throat, plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, neuropsychiatry or laboratory clinicians. Officers qualified in these specialties are eligible for release if they entered on active duty prior to 1 January 1941 or if they meet the criteria on points or age.

This revised policy on separation is expected to return 13,000 physicians, 3,500 dentists, 25,000 nurses and a large number of other Medical Department officers to civilian life by the first of the year.

It will be necessary to retain a large number of low score men in the service for replacement for overseas men having high ASR scores. Other low score men must of necessity be retained in the service to carry on the necessary activities of the Medical Department in this country and in theaters where American troops are operating.

It is intended that no one eligible for release will be held in the Army because there are men with higher scores overseas who have not been returned home. Eligible men will be discharged as rapidly as they can be processed for separation.

No enlisted personnel with a sufficient number of critical points will be kept because of "military necessity" except those very few men classified in one of three essential technical skills. These are: Orthopedic mechanics, electroencephalographers, who operate electrocardiac equipment and radio transmitter attendants. The latter is not in the Medical Department.

and I happened to be outside as they zoomed over, guns firing. They caught me just outside the door, and I was losing blood so rapidly, the doctor had to amputate at once. The operation was all over with before the planes were even out of sight."

Ken minimizes the importance of the work he did, caring for all those men, and didn't know until we told him, what a popular man he was, there at Yokaichi.

We wished then that we had a recording of that wonderfully sincere speech the corporal had made—just to prove it to him!!

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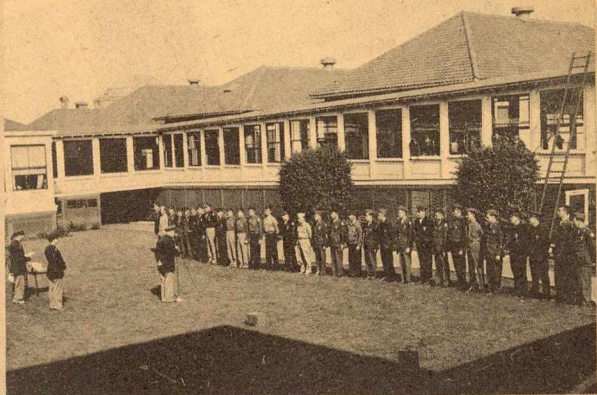
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK AT LETTERMAN PICTURED HERE



FAREWELL PHOTO
The staff on Ward "G" gathers to say au revoir to 1st Lieut. Marion Elliott (Right on first row) who is leaving the service this week.



THE DEPUTY COMMANDER
Colonel Brown S. McClintic addresses a group of officers and men, following the award of the medal of the Purple Heart.



WEDDING BELLS
Rang out for Tech. Sgt. Folger Birdseye, of the Train Unit, and Miss Donna Decker at the Presidio Post Chapel.

THE WINNAHS!!
The men who defeated a team from Birmingham General Hospital in a radio "Quiz of Two Cities" contest. The score 120 to 80. Checking on Birmingham's lapses are (L to R) Pfc. Paul B. Watts, La Grange, Ill.; S-Sgt. Priestly E. Parker, Burbank, Calif.; Cpl. Robert K. Quarnstrom, Brooklyn, N. Y., and T-4th Gr. Robert T. Brophie, Chicago, Ill.



BIRTHDAY PARTY
Sgt. George Mills, recently released from a Jap prison camp, passes around the cake at his birthday party. Patients and personnel on Ward 29 helped the celebration.



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EDITORIAL

RAMPS

That coined word is in frequent use these days around Letterman and many are the interpretations as to its formation. It stands for Recovered American Military Personnel—the initial letters of those four words read "RAMPS."

More than 2000 "RAMPS" have been received here since the end of the war and there are still many more on the way to the homeland. The former prisoners of the Japs are given a thorough physical examination and the results to date indicate that all of our young men stood up surprisingly well under the harsh treatment given them in the enemy camps.

What is outstanding about this group is their cheerful state of mind. One would imagine that the horrors of the past three years would dull a sense of humor or induce a gloomy attitude but the reverse is true. They are happy to be in the homeland once more and express the conviction from now on everything will be all right.

The necessary administrative processes require a certain amount of time but the RAMPS are patient and understanding. When both the physical examination and the administrative affairs are completed there still remains the matter of space on trains or planes. Transportation facilities are badly congested in the Bay Area and the men sometimes have to wait an extra day or



Colonel A. B. McKie, commanding officer at Baxter General Hospital, and former Letterman executive officer, here for a brief visit with old acquaintances.

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Captain Elizabeth MacDonald, assistant to the Public Relations Officer, Ninth Service Command, here on an official visit and her usual gracious self.

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Mr. H. A. (Pop) Loomis, the popular Executive Secretary of the Army "Y," back from his trip to the east where he attended the "Y" convention at Atlantic City.

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One of our prominent WAC non-coms wearing her "Good Conduct" ribbon on the inner flap of her hand bag.

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Captain Wilmer H. Starr, long time Lettermanite in the past, back from the wars and out of the service, dropping in for a chat with the other oldtimers around here.

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Major Vincent E. Johanson walking down the corridor with "that paper" in his hand—and smiling, too. He was with us more than four years.

A Lot of Mail

Washington (CNS)—The Signal Corps has handled 517,000,000 pieces of V-mail. Overseas V-mail stations are presently situated in Paris, Calcutta, Honolulu, Saipan, and Leyte.

Awful Fake

Washington (CNS) — Secret Service reports a flood of crude counterfeit \$50 notes in Milan. They were marked: "redeemable in awful currency of the United States Treasury."

two to be on their way homeward, but they take that in stride.

Working with and for the RAMPS has been a labor of love for the staff at Letterman. It is a privilege to do something for men who have done so much for us. We want to make these first days on the soil of their native land something they will always remember.

It is still the grandest country on earth.



By Jeanne Riha

From porches surrounding the patio Letterman nurses watched with evident pride Monday afternoon as two of their staff, received Bronze Star medals from Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman in one of the largest group award ceremonies the hospital has seen.

Those honored were 1st Lts. Jeanne C. Harder and Nora E. Homelvig, together for this ceremony just as they have been for many earlier periods in their Army careers. They were stationed together at Fort Ord, went to the Philippines in the fall of 1944 and returned in March and were both reassigned to Letterman last June. Later this week they wound up their Army record together by being discharged at the LGH separation center. The nurses were the only women honored at Monday's ceremony.

The citation accompanying their decorations read, in part, "As members of a field hospital these officers of the Army Nurse Corps landed in Leyte nine days after the initial invasion of the island. Within three hours of their arrival they were aiding in the treatment of 600 battle casualties in a partially destroyed cathedral despite frequent enemy aerial attacks and enemy gunfire.

"By their extraordinary fortitude, willingness and surpassing devotion to duty, these nurses aided materially in bringing comfort and recovery to hundreds of wounded soldiers and in reducing the cost of victory in Leyte."

Also homeward-bound this week after discharge were Capt. Shirley Rierson and Capt. Etta M. Leason; 1st Lts. Mabel A. Kearin, Lois Merck, Irene H. Narloch, Emily Russell, Aurelia A. Schafer and Margaret M. O'Neill and 2nd Lts. Marion H. MacKenzie, Audrey I. Williams and Dorothy A. Cope.

Off on leave are 1st Lts. Carlta M. Harrod, Bernie J. Agar, Hulda Kornelsen, Gladys Compton, Charlotte Dennett, Dorothy J. Matheson and Margaret V. Spratt while back, presumably refreshed, are 1st Lts. Ruth E. Enarson, Dulcie Chinn, Josephine Zito, Katherine L. Seelye, Auralie A. Paulin, Adeline Slovack, Shirley Wien, Rose Penoncello and 2nd Lt. Helen L. Stroup.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 14, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Honor Roll

As of 31 August 1945, the records of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains show the following casualties and decorations in the Chaplain Corps:

1. CASUALTIES.

- a. Killed in action, including 12 lost in sinking of Japanese prison ships, and 1 killed during bombing in Germany 76
- b. Deaths nonbattle, including 1 died of disease in Japanese prison camp 62
- c. Wounded in action, including those not hospitalized 216
- d. Detained by the enemy, undetermined at time of this report 11
- e. Returned to military control, from German prison camps 28
- f. Missing 4

2. DECORATIONS.

1038 chaplains have received 1326 decorations.

- a. Distinguished Service Cross 16
- b. Distinguished Service Medal 1
- c. Legion of Merit 51
- d. Silver Star 126
- e. Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star 7
- f. Soldiers Medal 18
- g. Bronze Star 719
- h. Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star I 50
- i. Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star II 1
- j. Air Medal 5
- k. Purple Heart 293
- l. Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart I 21
- m. Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart II 3
- n. Foreign Decorations 15

ON THE SPOT



HERBERT GOLDSTEIN
Civilian

Seen about the corridors in recent days was one of the characters well known to all Lettermanites for the past five years but something new had been added. It was a snappy ensemble of civilian attire that gave ex-Staff Sergeant Herbert Goldstein the appearance of being a very successful script writer in a Hollywood studio.

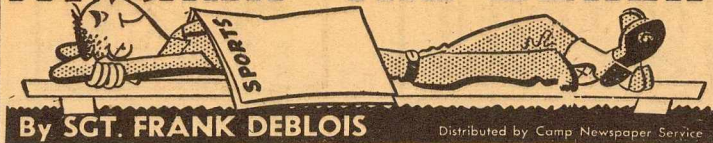
We should explain that everything was on the "up and up" for the civilian clothing as "Goldie" had gone through the Separation Process last week and was declared a free agent. He is still enjoying that new freedom and reluctant to make any plans for the moment that would commit him to a new form of serfdom, even though benevolent.

Mr. Goldstein had all of his military service at Letterman, and was for a long time in the office of Hospital Police & Personnel, where he started as a private and worked up to sergeant. He next was assigned to the War Bond office on the third floor of the Administration Building and liked that location so well that he managed to stay on the same floor when the Control Office was established and needed a good man. Then the siren song of radio lulled him to the basement—the locale of the control room of the hospital public address system.

Goldie was such an early success he was sent back east to school to learn more of the technique of writing script for radio productions. He rejoined the inseparables — Colvig and Anderson—and really went to work in keeping with his elevated rank of staff sergeant. The trio was all set to give us high quality programs and warmed to the task but along came V-J Day—and the war was over.

Mr. Goldstein leaves many friends around Letterman and he will always be welcome back.

WARMIN' THE BENCH



By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Distributed by Camp Newspaper Service

Lou Zamperini's War With Japan

Before the war Lou Zamperini's claim to fame was that he had finished 8th in the 2-mile run in the 1936 Olympics in Germany and that—while in Berlin—had climbed a flagpole and impishly removed its swastika as a souvenir. For this prank he was chided solemnly by the AAU.

Zamperini went to war in 1942, was reported dead when his B-24 failed to return from a search mission a year later, and turned up last week in a flea-ridden Jap prison camp, apparently none the worse for one of the most incredible ordeals of an incredible war. He had survived an airplane crash, 47 days at sea in an open boat and 26 months of starvation, exposure, thirst and unbelievable tortures in a string of hellish prison camp pest-holes stretching from Kwajalein to the mainland of Japan.

The story began May 27, 1943, when Navigator Zamperini's plane, with a crew of 10 including Lt Russell Phillips, of Indiana, the pilot, set out from Oahu to search for a missing B-25. Of the crew only Zamperini and Phillips now survive.

Men Against the Sea

Their plane crashed at sea and Zamperini, trapped beneath a machine gun mount, fought himself free as the ship sank, grabbed his Mae West and shot 40 feet to the surface. There he found 2 rafts and Phillips and another man struggling weakly in the sea. He hauled them aboard, lashed the rafts together and proceeded to apply first aid to Phillips who had a great triangular cut in his head.

Rations on the rafts, Zamperini discovered, consisted of 6 pounds of chocolate and enough water to last the 3 men 2 days. After that they caught 2 tiny fish, one shark and a couple of albatross. They ate nothing at all for the last 8 days.

Their ordeal on the rafts followed the familiar pattern—except that it surpassed all such previous experiences anywhere. On the 27th day they were strafed by a Jap Betty. On the 29th day the congealed blood cakes on Phillips' head wound fell out in great chunks and Zamperini removed his bandages. The wound had healed completely. On the 33d day, the 3d man on the rafts—a gunner named McIntyre—died. Zamperini mumbled some prayers over his body and pushed it into the sea.

Enter the Jap

Blistered by the sun all day and slashed by the winds all

night, Zamperini and Phillips kept on going until—on their 47th day afloat—they were spotted by Jap fishermen off an atoll in the Marshalls. They were taken ashore and treated kindly by the fishermen. Zamperini, whose weight had fallen from 160 to 87 pounds, ate hard tack and water.

An ordeal had ended. But soon another—and worse—ordeals was to begin.

Zamperini and Phillips were taken to a Jap base in Kwajalein where 3 times a day a gob of rice—"about the size of a golfball"—was flung at them by their guards, who goaded them while they scrambled for the grains on the filthy floor of their cell. Beatings followed each meal.

Meet the Bird

Then, somehow, the Japs discovered that Zamperini was a famous American miler. Jabbering with glee, they made him sing and dance for their amusement, bribed him with offers of food to lose a race to some Jap runners. Later, when he said he thought Japan would lose the war, they broke his nose with a baseball bat. Zamperini set his nose himself by holding it in place all day and most of the night for 2 weeks.

After this baptism in sadism, he was removed to Truk, to Yokohama and to Amomori, where he received more of the same. At the latter camp he was introduced to "The Bird," a frog-headed Jap sergeant who beat him about the head until his ears bled, made him do push-ups astraddle a glutted slit trench until he collapsed into the trench from exhaustion.

The perverted "Bird" followed Zamperini from Amomori to Naestu, a foul, fever-filled boghole where American prisoners walked through maggotty latrines, then were forced to lick the soles of their shoes.

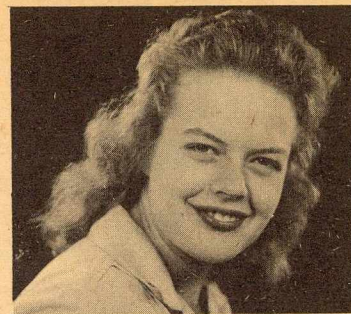
At Naestu, Zamperini finally learned of the Jap surrender. But by the time the great news came, "The Bird" had flown the coop and the other guards quit their abominations and began fawning on their American captives.

Home again at last—with the 2 incredible ordeals behind him—Zamperini had one footnote to add to the story of his experiences. "If I knew I'd have to go through them again," he said, "I'd kill myself."

Captain Zamperini arrived at Letterman last week and is now at his home in Torrence, Calif.

—Camp Newspaper Service.

WAC OF THE WEEK



AFTON THOMPSON
Technician 5th Gr.

Morning attendance at the swimming pool varies from day to day but visitors can count on at least one swimmer—blond, lithesome Afton Thompson who reserves an hour or more each morning to perfect her strokes and cruise an average 35-50 laps back and forth across the pool.

Afton, who had a general knowledge of swimming before, began three weeks ago to learn the fine points and technicalities of the sport from the pool's instructor, T/5th Gr. Al Castaneda. He describes her as a "natural" praises the "astonishing rapidity" of her progress and is priming her for local championship swimming meets scheduled for the Bay Area early next year.

Afton grew up in Salt Lake City and went to school there; her special interest then was in art, first drawing and later sculpturing.

Since her enlistment last March, art has been rather a forgotten subject but Afton plans to resume clay modeling one of these days and, when she returns to school as she plans to do upon discharge, to take class work in sculpture. Her choice for later schooling is the University of Chicago.

Before entering the WAC, Afton had two jobs, office work for the daytime, soda jerking at night. "I thought I'd get a rest in the Army," she quipped. "But I got a surprise."

The last few weeks Afton has been working a night shift as medical technician on Ward M-1; she likes the hours, especially since her mornings are free for swimming. The slim, bright-haired WAC is the youngest in a family that includes five brothers and two sisters.

Holdrege, Neb (CNS) — PWs here were served their first watermelon. One of them enthusiastically ate an entire melon—rind and all.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

A Night on CQ

The day room, resplendent in its greens and reds and blues and yellows, was quiet at 6 o'clock last Saturday night with the quiet only a Charge of Quarters can properly appreciate. The radio had finished soap and wine and cigarette ads for the day and turned to the more restful in music. A cat softly lapped milk out of an ashtray beside the door and hissed whenever her scrawny kitten approached, tongue hanging out.

The silence lasted all of three minutes, just long enough for the CQ to settle in a chair as CQ's are accustomed to do early in the evening; later they adopt the edge-of-chair position.

With a bang, or rather a jangle, the evening began, first the bright, musical ring of Booth A, West 9880, on the left of the day room, then the equally cheerful tune of newly installed Booth B on the right. Sometimes A and B rang together.

Most of the calls were quickies. "Will you connect me with Corporal Smith?" or "I'd like to get in touch with Miss Brown" or even "You can tell Mary Green thanks for standing me up. You can tell her she can. . . ."

But there were also the more involved requests. "May I speak to Marge?" asked one male voice.

"Marge who?"

There was a cheery chuckle at the end of the line. "Well, that's the little difficulty."

"Yes, it certainly is. Three hundred girls here, you know."

"Yes. Heh. It's this way. I met her at a dance a week ago Wednesday. I never thought to ask her name."

"Well, why don't you go to the dance next week? She might be there."

And there was the T/5th Gr. who walked proudly out with a very bedecorated marine in dress uniform while two chums reflected, "Looks like a Christmas tree, doesn't he?" And, "She met him down at Crissy. He sat and talked to her four hours the first day."

Others, lounging in the day room, looked up with interest, "Isn't it amazing what you can learn here?"

Later in the evening the procession of khaki and blues moved more slowly through the dayroom; the chairs emptied and began springing back into shape and the phones

TERRIFIC TWOSOME TOPS TRAFFIC WITH TENDER TOOTHsome TOUCH



Lieut. MARY R. HOLKE

The smiling twosome pictured above are just that. They are always laughing, and they are always together.

We explain away their bubbling humor by just saying they are happy girls. But regarding their friendship, well, there lies the story.

Second Lieutenants Ann Malone and Mary Holke, both Letterman dietitians, entered the Army last July—Ann coming from Modesto, Calif., where she was an apprentice dietitian at Hammond General Hospital, and Mary from Jackson, Mich., where she was a dietitian at Foote Memorial Hospital.

Ann, a native of Los Angeles, received her schooling at UCLA and graduated in 1944 with a Bachelor of Science. Mary, who comes from Missouri, also possesses of B.S., received in 1943 from Stephens College.

On that memorable day, July 18, when they began their basic training at Ft. Lewis, Wash., neither of them had ever met or heard of the other.

As they say, "We met, became friends, and have been ever since."

buzzed only once every three minutes. A sympathetic voice on the radio said, "Twenty seconds to 10" and the CQ drooped into a chair. "Only one more hour," she muttered, stroking feet that had beat paths from the phone booths to four barracks.

And as an afterthought, "I wonder if it was worth keeping my hair up for reveille."



Lieut. ANN MALONE

Upon completion of their basic days, the Army seemed to take cognizance of this happy comradeship and shipped them both to Letterman, where they have been ever since.

Once arrived here and settled in Ward R (due to the scarcity of living quarters), they began an intensive search for an apartment. Every place they went, they received the same answer as all the other thousands of apartment-seeking beings in San Francisco—NO!

Then once again Fate stepped in. One day they accepted an invitation from a sister dietitian to go to her apartment for dinner. As they entered the house, they noticed a man cleaning a vacant apartment down the hall. With no thought of success, they asked him if the apartment were for rent. Within five minutes, the two girls were the happy possessors of a beautiful five-room apartment, and in the Marina!

And so there they spend their off-duty hours—playing bridge (they are hunting for a fourth), working cross-word puzzles, and eating (their favorite meal is grilled cheese and ham sandwiches).

As for their future plans, they want to stay in the Army for a while yet. After that, they both intend to go back to their respective homes and continue their work in dietetics.

"And so, that," they say, "will be the dividing of this gruesome twosome."

Are they kidding? There's nothing gruesome about those two. Take another look at those pictures.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

The following men are the "Lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "Little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the Letterman Separation Center since 2 October 1945: M/Sgt. Fred C. Jacobs, T/Sgt. Gordon W. Butts, S/Sgts. Louis Minehella, Franklin Follmer, Herbert Goldstein, Raymond C. Schutz, and Roger E. Williams, Sgts. Charles A. Thorpe, Vernal J. Whitehead, Adolph Gaydos and Edward A. Arnaiz, T/4th Gr. Richard D. Coonen, Ernest E. Tidmon, Arne H. Lunden, Herman E. Bushman, James E. Griffin and Russell E. Carrow, Cpls. John C. Baker, Henry Barasch, Lewis H. Trickey, James R. Blakey, Wes Kelley, James W. Eddy, Paul J. Etzkorn, Harold T. Hood, Aral W. Lucas, William W. Waldron, William B. Gairbanks and Wallace J. Anderson, Pvts. Herbert N. Hawkins, Chester C. Niesen, William E. Norris, Robert Silverman, Gladis W. Sorrells, Theodore R. Klein, Danile E. Estrada, Jay K. Chiu, William A. Clore, Thomas L. Gates, Robert J. Speelman, Albert G. Speicher and Harold J. Guardipee.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Sgt. William G. O'Brien appointed to S/Sgt.; Cpls. Lawrence Rempel, Charles E. Corriea, Cecil O. Willworth, Elias Tamey and Abe E. Schnell, appointed Sgts.; T/5th Gr. Luici Polito, appointed to T/4th Gr.; Pvts. Willie C. King and Manuel W. Raimund, appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Kenneth W. Howland being married last Tuesday night at the Letterman Chapel in the presence of a large group of friends.

T/Sgt. Lewin S. Villa back on duty after attending a reconditioning school in Washington and looking like he was reconditioned.

M/Sgt. Joseph Jones going on a diet and putting a mark on his belt to prove to his friends that he is actually losing weight.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

Two of our civilians at LGH have been having a fling at the piscatorial art recently. The representative from the Dental Branch is **Eulalia Beebee**. She went on a little junket to Pinecrest where her luck was unusually good. She caught three fish, and, knowing what skeptics there are in the world, she cut off their heads and brought them back as proof of her prowess. Such foresight quickly dispelled any doubting thoughts on the matter.

Joe Kramer from the Printing Plant, on the other hand, had quite a time convincing his spouse that he really caught the 34 pound salmon he brought home last Sunday. She couldn't understand where he could buy such a huge fish, and was rather dubious about the whole thing. For, you see, it was Joe's first venture on the briny deep. He acquitted himself well, though, and is no longer a novice, for his was the largest catch made during the day, measuring 32 inches. We got the story from his own lips, so if you want further corroboration, look him up and he'll tell you all about it—with gestures. Anyway, he was quite the hero of the day and we wish him luck again tomorrow.

For the football fans! **Mary Ben-sen** is the one to see about any inquiries. She can give you the height, weight and position of any member of every West Coast team. So just call 4316 and if you've planned to attend a game over the week-end, Mary will give you the starting lineup.

Emily Knepp, of the Dental Branch has at last been located and it appears that she is on her way home. Her co-workers were beginning to be worried about her, but a card from Toledo, Ohio, proved that at least she is headed in this general direction. On her way home from Pennsylvania, she stopped for a visit with **Rosalind Howe**, a former Lettermanite. Perhaps it's the shock of being able to buy all the gas she wants.

We haven't the space to go into **Eve Guth's** story about the cat, the mouse and the milkshake, but **Ace** will be glad to fill in the details.

Neon, Ky (CNS)—**F. M. Ferguson**, 71, went on a hunger strike "because there's no law and order in this town and I ain't gonna eat until we get it."

TAMEY—A 30 YEAR MAN—IS NOW WEARING SERGEANT'S STRIPES



Sergeant ELIAS T. TAMEY
Now wearing the stripes of a sergeant

Judging from the careless abandon with which so many of our non-coms are tossing away their chevrons it might not seem an item of news about a man who has just acquired a set of three stripes, but then Sergeant Elias T. Tamey is no ordinary man. No ordinary man could smoke as many cigars in a day as he does, and that goes for the late Mark Twain who was alleged to consume 24 black cigars every day in the year.

Sgt. Tamey was born in Syria; that part of it specifically known as Michteyeh el Hosn, Tel Kelaki—if it means any more to you. He came to the United States in 1921 and two years later he enlisted in the Infantry and was stationed at Fort Benning. On completion of that tour he moved to Ft. Sam Houston where he was with the Medical Department for another three years and then moved out to Hawaii where he served for five years before coming to Letterman in 1936. He has been with us since that time.

Tamey is charged with the janitorial supervision of the Administration Building and due to lack of help all too often all he has to supervise is himself. He is a past

master at waxing floors and has developed an uncanny ability to walk erect over a freshly waxed floor when the rest of us just skid along. He handles the polishing machine with the dexterity of a drum major twirling a baton, and when it is recalled that is all done with the extra obstacle of a burning cigar in his mouth, again we say he is no ordinary man.

Under recent legislation Tamey has been long enough in the service to apply for retirement but he declares he is much too young to retire so early in his career. He says it is all right for old men to quit work but he likes Letterman too well to want to leave us—and he only has eight more years to become a real 30 year retired man instead of an ersatz 20 year variety.

All of Sergeant Tamey's work is done in the late afternoon and evenings which may account for his single status. It is probable that he could not support a wife and at the same time indulge his fancy for cigars. He is of the opinion that Kipling had something when he penned those lines—

"A woman is only a woman but a good cigar is a smoke."

The Stork Was Here

To Sgt. and Mrs. Dana S. Booth, a boy, **Lawrence Dana**, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces, born 1 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Harold E. Parker, a boy, **William Robert**, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 2 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. R. W. Stone, a daughter, **Mary Ann**, weight 5 pounds and 12 ounces, born 3 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Amos E. Heacock, a son, **Gregg Evans**, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 3 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Lobsinger, a son, **David John**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 4 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ronald F. Knox, a son, **Ronald Forrest**, weight 9 pounds and 11 ounces, born 5 October.

To T/3rd Gr. and Mrs. R. C. Terkildsen, a daughter, **Carol Ann**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 5 October.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. J. L. Fuentes, a son, **John Gregory**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 6 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. C. W. Truax, a daughter, **Cecilia Charlotte**, weight 9 pounds and 8 ounces, born 6 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Hugh E. Robertson, a daughter, **Kathleen**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 6 October.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence McPhee, a son, **John Lawrence Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 6 October.

Wedding Bells

In the presence of a group of friends at the Post Chapel in the Presidio, on Saturday evening last, Miss Donna Decker became the bride of Technical Sergeant Folger Birdseye, of the Hospital Train Unit, 1960 SCU.

The bride was given in marriage by Master Sergeant Grafton Protzman and attended by the sister of the groom, Miss Eileen Birdseye. Sergeant William Moher was the groomsman and Chaplain Allan Butcher was the officiating clergyman.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

War Chest Campaign Now Swinging Into Third Week

The San Francisco War Chest, beginning to fill up this second week of the campaign with the contributions of business firms and individuals, has a way to go and much co-operation to secure if the goal of \$3,950,000 is to be met.

Families, broken and disrupted by war; American servicemen, bored as they polish shoes and shine buttons for routine inspections in occupation lands far across the globe; the peoples of Allied nations, perplexed by liberation that holds little promise of salvation from cold and hunger—these are the three main reasons for War Chest aid and under them come multitudes of subdivisions. With four war years playing havoc with family life and leaving an aftermath of neglected children, unstable home lives, adolescents even more disturbed and uncertain than usual and bewildered veterans, more Chest family services must go into action.

The War Department, recognizing the morale problems of occupation, hospitalization and the long wait of troops abroad, has asked that four times more USO camp shows be sent to Europe alone to keep the spirit of idle troops from cracking.

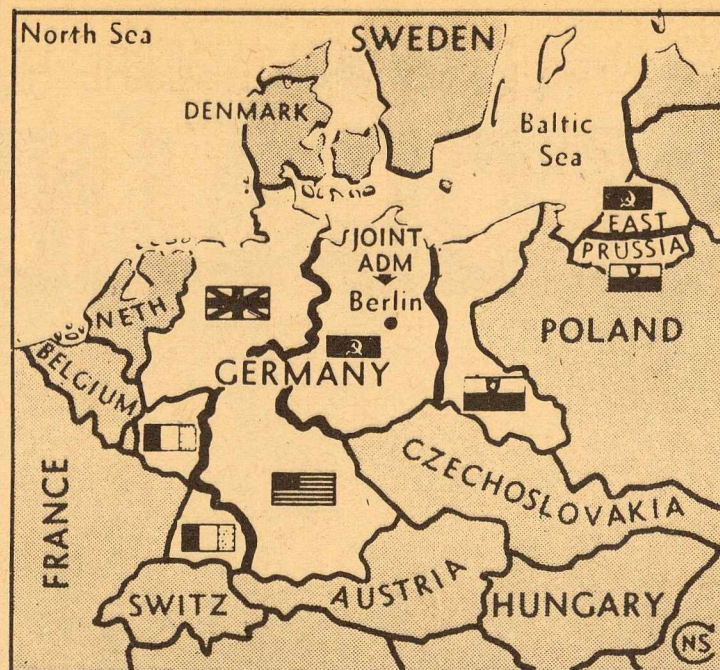
Hard-boiled federal agencies and their spokesmen as well as pure humanitarians are uniting to insist that impoverished Allied nations be saved from hunger, cold and pestilence or the liberation will turn into nothing but a farce.

Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco recently urged, "People in war-torn areas of the world are dying from hunger and disease. Food, clothing and medicine must reach them if they are to be saved."

Outside Europe, in China and the Philippines, privations continue among the people who fought by the side of Americans through the war. Funds must be provided to carry through widespread health programs.

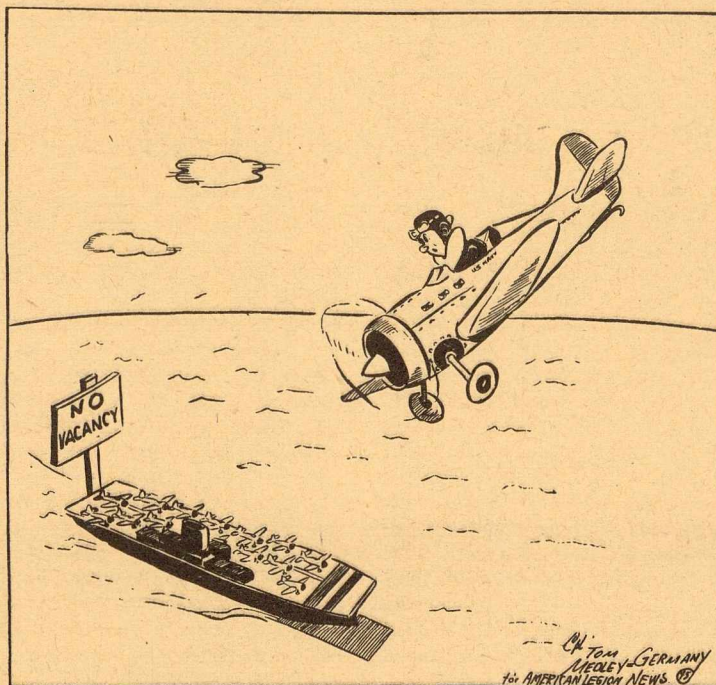
In the approximate two weeks the War Chest campaign will be on, San Francisco canvassers must collect a sizeable part of the national goal of \$115,000,000. At Letterman the individual quota, requested with a view towards meeting the city goal and eventually the national, will be half a day's pay.

Germany Today



(Mat 161-1034—Stencil 161)

Germany, once master of Europe, has been sliced into 5 pieces pending final settlements of boundary disputes by the Big 5. British troops occupy the industrial Ruhr. France, which has proposed that the Ruhr and the Rhineland be internationalized, is occupying territory west of the Rhine, including the Saarland and Alsace-Lorraine. American forces are stationed in southern Germany while Red Army troops have taken over central Germany west of the Oder and the northern half of East Prussia. The rest of East Prussia as well as German territory east of the Oder comprises Poland's occupation zone. In addition, a joint administration of U. S., Russian and British forces has been established in Berlin.



Trunk Tale

Major Wilfred F. Heinbach, MC, liberated prisoner of war and a patient at Letterman, is going back home to Reading, Pa., to find waiting for him a trunk that holds memories of three years' internment in Philippine prison camps as well as valuable personal possessions.

The trunk, one of a pair that existed in the days of the Corregidor siege, went to Davao and Bilibid prisons and was smuggled out of the latter by a bribed Jap interpreter. It was delivered into the hands of a Spanish girl whom the major knew before the beginning of war.

She, often at the risk of her life and her family's, safeguarded the trunk while Major Heinbach was moved from one camp to another. When the Japs refused to declare Manila an open city, the Spanish heroine and two sisters loaded the truck on a cart and pushed it to safety through the suburbs of the city.

With transportation the next problem, the girl wrote the major's mother describing the high priority the trunk would require to go back to the states. His mother sent a plea to the representative who notified higher authorities until the message eventually reach MacArthur and priority was granted.

Several weeks ago the trunk arrived in Reading and Major Heinbach, when he leaves Letterman this week, expects to find it waiting for him with almost as long a line of experiences behind it as there are behind him.

MORE ABOUT SEPARATION CENTER

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their pay if they are EM or travel pay, if officers; they receive their separation qualification records which hold hints for future employers, as well as their discharge pins and the coveted honorable discharge papers.

That's all there is to it; the whole process takes 76 hours—from a soldier to a civilian in three days. And who can blame khaki-clad vets who have been looking forward to the day for three or four years for emerging from the finance office with bewilderment perhaps approaching, in intensity though not in kind, that with which they viewed for the first time the jungles of the South Pacific or the ruins of Manila.



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Overseas Admissions Give Letterman A New Record Day

Something like a record for admissions from overseas in one day was made on Monday of this week when 1547 patients arrived on two ships. Of this number 1113 were recovered American military personnel (RAMPS) and that figure established a record for that category of patients.

The first bus load of patients reached Letterman shortly before noon and, in accordance with plans previously made, they were immediately conducted to the mess hall where a generous meal was ready for them. When the first meal on American soil had been consumed the patients were next led to the pay table.

Lt. George D. Dowling, Agent Finance Officer here, had devised a form for these partial payments, and organized a battery of Red Cross volunteer typists in addition to the staff of permanent employees to fill out the necessary information prior to payment. Lieut. Dowling sat at a desk at the end of the long line with more than \$100,000.00 in cash on hand, and as each of the recovered personnel arrived at that desk he was handed \$100.00 to tide him over the first day in the homeland. The line moved swiftly, thanks to the system installed by Lieut. Dowling, and he still had money on hand when the pay line vanished.

Fortified with a good meal, and cheered by the feeling of "folding money" in their pockets, the men were next registered by another battery of Red Cross volunteers, who plunged into the task with genuine enthusiasm. Name, grade, serial number, branch of service, age, religion affiliation, home address, next of kin—all recorded with speed and



\$100,000.00 IN FOLDING MONEY
Was paid out by Lieut. George D. Dowling, FD., to liberated prisoners immediately on arrival here on Tuesday. Each man received a partial pay of \$100.00.

accuracy. Some of the men had received no news from home since their imprisonment and they could only hope the last address was still a good address.

The next step in the processing was coding for evacuation to the hospital of their choice and here the men came under the scrutiny of the medical staff. There was a brief questioning on general health to serve until the more complete physical examination could be made. The line moved quickly along to the point where the ward assignments were made, and then down to the busses to drive the men to the Crissy Annex where the majority are located for the duration of

their stay at Letterman.

On Tuesday another group of recovered personnel—over 700 in number—were admitted as patients and they went through the same speedy processing.

The stay at Letterman has been cut to four or five days and the patients will move out on hospital trains to the hospital of their choice, and under existing policy they will be granted ten days to visit their homes and families before undergoing a complete physical examination.

It is expected that by the end of this month all of the recovered personnel (RAMPS) will have been returned to the United States.

Medical Conference To Be Held Here Next Month

Letterman General Hospital has been selected as the scene of a conference on internal medicine that will bring her the outstanding medical officers of the Ninth Service Command as well as medical men nationally known for their achievements in the field of internal medicine.

The arrangements for the conference are being made by Col. Irving S. Wright, Medical Consultant for the Ninth Service Command, and a committee of officers on the Letterman staff. The program calls for morning and afternoon sessions on the 7th and 8th of November with a special dinner for the evening of Wednesday, November 7, at the Letterman Officers' Club.

Coming from Washington will be Brigadier General Hugh J. Morgan, Chief Consultant in Medicine in the Office of the Surgeon General, who will speak on "The Role of Medicine in the Pacific War." Colonel Luther R. Moore, Service Command Surgeon for the Ninth Service Command, will come from Fort Douglas to discuss the "Significances of the Medical Services in the Hospitals of the Ninth Service Command." Other prominent speakers will be Dr. Joseph Stokes, Jr., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and Consultant to the Secretary of War, and Dr. Cecil J. Watson, Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota School of Medicine, and Consultant in Hepatic Diseases to the Surgeon General.

The recently completed swimming pool at Letterman will be dedicated in the presence of the distinguished visitors and at the completion of

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Our Wac Band Has A Full Schedule Every Day Here

Since the first of August, Letterman has been treated to the especially sharp strains of music of the 402nd A.S.F. WAC band, under the direction of Warrant Officer (j.g.) Margery Pickett.

Twenty-six young musicians arrived at their East Wing Barracks minus instruments, and spent the first few days touring the local spots of interest. Now, Miss Pickett reports, they are not only completely cured of their homesickness, but many of them plan to stay here and work in the post war period.

The band started out in October 1942 as part of the organization at Des Moines, and gradually added more members until, in February 1943, it moved to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. WOJG Pickett arrived soon after, having attended the Army Music School at Fort Meyer, Virginia.

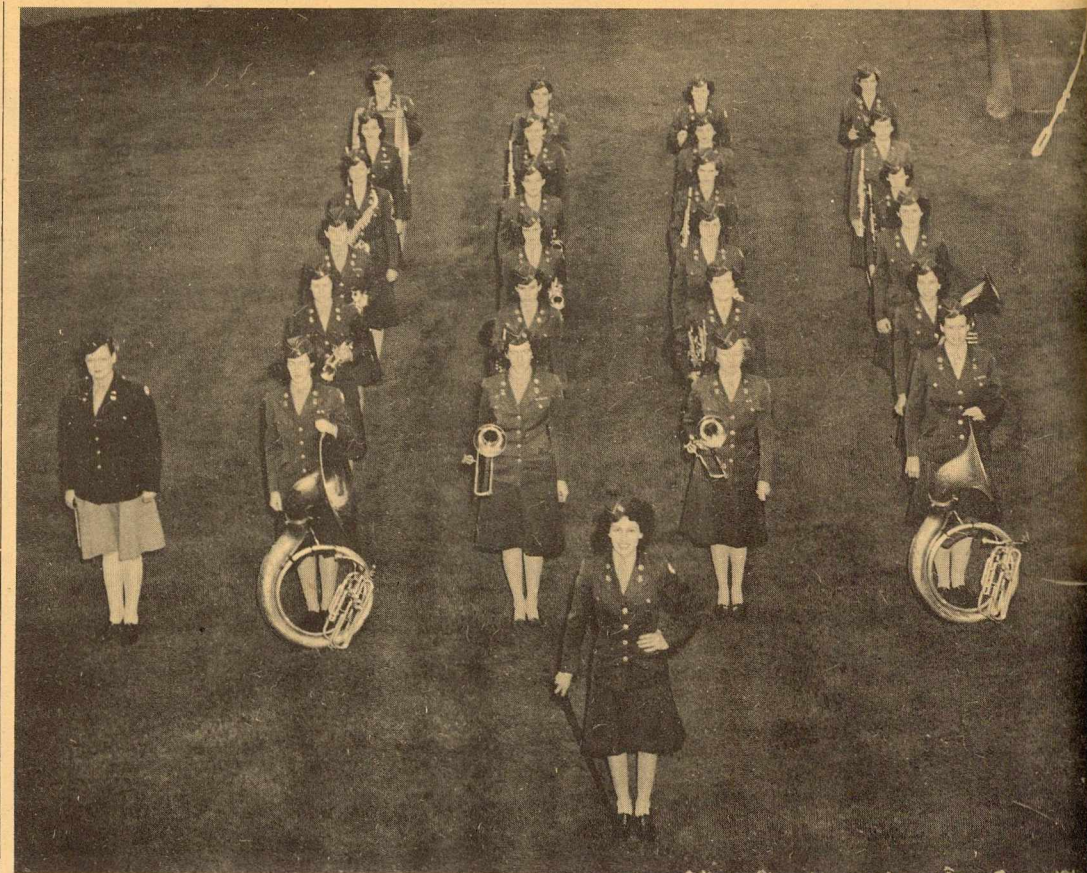
At Oglethorpe, the band had about 40 members, then cut down to 28 when the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps became the Woman's Army Corps.

The band is a compact, complete unit in itself. Miss Pickett takes care of the administrative and supply departments, makes arrangements, and conducts the band. The girls occupy one complete building, using the first floor for practice room, and the second floor for living quarters. They lead a busy life, and a healthy one—the strict routine they follow keeps their muscles in tone, and their eyes clear, says Miss Pickett.

A typical schedule was yesterday's—the girls rolled out of bed at 5:45, polished their instruments, rushed to mess, and then went down to Crissy to play for an hour. At 10:00, they appeared at the train to play for another incoming trainload of patients from 1:00 to 2:00. From 3:00 to 4:00, they played at the docks for another load of patients returning from the Pacific by ship. After that, they rushed back to Letterman to play for retreat, then after evening mess, they rode to Oakland to play for an evening train from 6:15 to 8:10.

"And so you see," says Miss Pickett, "that's why I grind my teeth and have to force a smile when people ask, as they often do, 'What else do you do besides play in the band?'"

The 26 young musicians have played for events all over the coun-



THE LETTERMAN WAC BAND
Warrant Officer MARGERY L. PICKETT, Leader

try—at bond rallies, for Kiwanis Clubs, during Flag Day celebrations, and in hospitals. And each place they've gone, they have been received with the greatest enthusiasm and gratefulness for the entertainment they provide. What's more they have the letters to prove it—recommendations from Commanding Officers, company presidents, and one gem from a bystander in the crowd who just had to write and tell the girls how much he appreciated their fine musicianship combined with their perfect coordination!

That matter of coordination is the hardest thing newcomers to the band have to learn, according to Miss Pickett. When they first start, they're inclined to concentrate on their music and not be aware of the drum major's commands. Result is, the novice is usually busy tooting and marching all by herself down the street long after the band has turned somewhere else. Once the art is mastered, though, they seldom have trouble with it again.

In scheduling the programs, Miss

Pickett tries not to repeat too often. The band has a large repertoire of martial and popular tunes, and they have now learned what the men like best to hear, returning home after months and years spent overseas. Usually they begin with a march, when they meet the trains or ships, then play a popular tune. Then they call for requests, and usually are swamped with calls for local songs, of school and community. "What we don't know, we jam—and they seem to like it," Miss Pickett comments. For all around popularity, the number requested most is Count Basie's "Jumping at the Woodside."

Once in a while they have a day off, but it's rare. They concentrate on practicing in their spare moments—usually during the early morning. If they've played late the night before, at a dance perhaps, they get to sleep later—maybe until 7:00! As a result, the girls have little time for outside activities. They try to learn several new numbers each week, but that depends on their schedule. About all the other inter-

ests they have center in collections—some save foreign currency, tossed to them by the appreciative returnees. One girl owns a large collection of unusual bracelets.

Some of the members have been with the band since it was formed originally, and they will help the new ones who are about to report to replace those who have been discharged from the WAC.

The following are the members of the band: Warrant Officer (j.g.) Margarey L. Pickett, Mason City, Ia., Director; T/4 Marilyn E. Cloutier, Fall River, Mass., Assistant Director; S/Sgt. Kathleen Brashear, Columbus, Ohio; Pfc. Margaret E. Brown, Houston, Texas; Pfc. Dorothy N. Coley, Palestine, Texas; Pfc. Eleanor A. Cotton, Greenfield, Mass.; Pfc. Lucy W. Eldredge, Fair Haven, Mass.; T/5 Lucille J. Erb, Piqua, Ohio; Pfc. Cordie L. Haile, San Antonio, Texas; Pfc. Inez D. Hays, New Orleans, La.; T/5 Juanita J. Kennedy, Buffalo, Ohio; T/5 Alice F. Lee, Cincinnati, Ohio; Pfc. Mildred V. Main, Ander-

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"New" Nurses Arrive to Let Some "Old" Nurses Go Home



LT. CHARLOTTE COATS
Oklahoma City, Okla.



LT. JANE M. IRVING
Little Falls, N.Y.



LT. CLAIRE P. EGAN
Newport, R.I.



LT. HELEN CONRAD
Factoryville, Pa.



LT. FRANCES RITCHIE
Brownwood, Tex.



LT. EDNA KNUITSEN
Passaic, N.J.



LT. ELIZABETH FINLAY
St. Louis, Mo.



LT. NORMA HUSHAGEN
Gonvick, Minn.



LT. EMMA HASKETT
Norfolk, Va.



LT. VIRGINIA HARVEY
Drewry's Bluff, Va.



LT. HELEN GREEN
Anoka, Minn.



LT. MILDRED JEZEWSKI
West Nanticoke, Pa.

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EDITORIAL

GOING HOME

One of the more popular spots around the hospital these days is the Separation Point. Popular for those who have the orders to report there to engage in the process of being released from the service.

There is always evident animation among those who walk up to the desk for the first time. It is with a sense of elation over the prospect of soon donning civilian attire they hand over their orders to the clerk. Then they look about at those who came up the day before and note the bored expression on faces. The process of getting out takes time and even the two or three days of examinations and interviews appears to be interminable.

The candidates for separation begin to reflect on what it means to be a civilian again. Maybe it will not turn out to be the glamorous status they had long envisioned. They will be going back into a world that is competitive; a world they had almost forgotten in the long routine of army life. They are leaving behind the comrades of barrack life; the men who shared their bivouacs, or even the fox holes in some far off land. And they wonder just what is ahead for them.

On the last day of the processing there is a revival of spirits and when at last the "little white paper" is put into their hands they appear to be ready for whatever it may be in the future. The "So longs" are



As more and more nurses emerged from LGH separation processing this week, hastily pinning small, gold, diamond-shaped patches to their blouses, and began to scan the railroad schedules home, reinforcements arrived to fill the wards they had left.

New arrivals, all of whom came from Fort Lewis, Wash., include nurses whose terms of duty range from barely beyond the recruit stage to more than four years' service with overseas assignment.

They are 1st Lts. Kathryn M. Brandenburg, who has been in the ANC since June 12, 1943; Claire P. Egan, an army nurse since February, 1941 with service in New Caledonia and New Hebrides; Helen M. Green, and Mary C. Moyoras.

New second lieutenants added to the staff are Loretta M. Johnson, an army nurse since January, 1944; Edna M. Knutsen and Jane M. Irving, April, 1944; Beulah A. Fries, March, 1944; Adeline Donsky and Earleen J. Johns, February, 1945; Frances Ritchie, Charlotte R. Coats and Norma A. Hushagen, March, 1945; Iris E. Inman, April, 1945; Elizabeth Finley, Helen Osborne, Helen B. Conrad, Marie H. Reed, Geraldine Thorne, Emma F. Haskett, Mary T. McGlynn, Virginia R. Harvey, Mildred E. Jezewski, and Rosa Meyer.

Sports take priority when it comes to off-duty diversions of many of the newcomers. Lt. Fries goes all out for athletics with her hobby list including swimming, riding, tennis, and dancing while Lt. Knutsen adds leatherwork to her more active sports curriculum.

Lt. Inman likes to ride as well as to sketch, in water colors and pen and ink. Bowling finds followers in Lt. Ritchie, Lt. Donsky, and Lt. Hushagen.

Replaced by the newcomers and on their way home or already there are 1st Lts. Edith Werner, Eleanor

shouted up and down the corridor. Shoulders are squared and out they go into the civilian world.

It feels good just to be going home again—and for keeps.



Lieut. Barbara H. Hartman leaving for Camp Beale en route to the Pacific Area, even Tokyo, she hopes.

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Mrs. Irene Wallace, PRO secretary, still at her desk at 4:31 one afternoon this week. Incredible yet true.

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Lt. Col. Charles F. McCuskey, back from the MIDPAC, pausing here en route to the Separation Center at Fort MacArthur to become a "Dr." again.

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Col. Leonard N. Swanson, former Lettermanite and just back from Burma, visiting here and there.

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Capt. Eleanor Mitchell, once here and more recently assistant to the Chief of the Hospital Dietitians, sitting at her old table at the mess just for "Auld Lang Syne" before moving westward.

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Capt. Shirley R. Timewell moving over to the administrative section of the Chief Nurse's Office.

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Mr. Raymond Shine talking about the proposed increase in pay for Federal employees—and with eyes aglow.

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Miss Kay Hardy, of the PRO set up, nursing "Susie" home late one evening. And it is not an "old" Ford, she says.

M. Foster, Hazel M. Aslakson, Agnes M. Kauker, Henrietta Landman, Rose Penoncello, Helen L. Zamary, and Evelyn M. Westlind and 2nd Lts. Marian D. Elliott and Edna Earle.

Discharged from Letterman but not from the army is Capt. Ruth Freet, transferred to McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas. First Lt. Audrey F. Kent, Dante nurse, and 2nd Lt. Mary P. Shore are on leave while 2nd Lt. Gladys Compton just got back from an emergency leave. Out of the hospital but still a patient in sick quarters is Capt. May D. Hanawalt, who will soon go on sick leave in Los Angeles.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 21, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chaplain Dameron Is Going Home

Chaplain V. C. Dameron, who joined us in February of this year, severed his active connection with the command on Saturday by the separation process and will head back to his native Missouri to resume his pastor work.

The chaplain had completed three years of active duty and amassed 101 "points" in his service around the world during the war. He had served on transports out of New York and San Francisco and that duty brought him to all the battle fronts.

While at Letterman Chaplain Dameron became extremely popular with the officers and men and was always a welcome addition in any group. His keen sense of humor and down to earth philosophy had a special appeal for those he served. His quiet demeanor belied his physical prowess and he excelled in tennis, boxing and basketball.

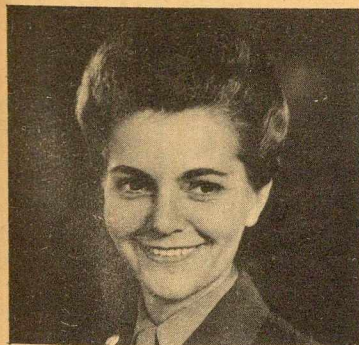
He will be missed at the "coffee sessions" in the morning, and they will be talking about the chaplain for a long time around here. But everything they say will be good and to his credit.

The best wishes of everyone follow him into civilian life.

New Haven, Conn. (CNS) — Carey Padgett Hodson, 50-year-old Yale freshman, died in his Stillman College room 5 months after he had entered Yale to complete the course of his stepson, Pfc Henry Carey, a Yale senior killed in action in Germany last November. Before Carey entered the service he got his stepfather to promise that in the event he didn't return the latter would become a Yale man.

New York (CNS) — They now use Standing Room Only signs at the entrance to trains in Grand Central Station when necessary.

WAC OF THE WEEK



EMILY J. MAXWELL
Sergeant

Just about a half year ago Emily J. Maxwell waved farewell to the Pentagon building to become part of the Army Service Forces for which she had previously worked as a civilian.

For four years, lacking three days, Emily worked for the army in Washington, D. C., which she considers "the most exciting city in the United States." Her job, in control division headquarters of ASF, involved meetings with people from all over the world.

By doing a quick jay-walk from her office, Sgt. Maxwell could walk into the office of General Somervell . . . even though she didn't, she adds.

There were also less glamorous, but just as interesting, phases to the work. "Every month it was my job to compile the reports that had come in from all the service commands." The reports totaled high up in the hundreds.

Emily is enthusiastic about Washington and plans to return to her job there when she is released; she is now on military leave. "Washington has everything that I ever wanted—the Congressional Library, being in the place they make the laws, meeting people from all over the world."

Out of all her experience in government, Sgt. Maxwell has developed a deep interest in politics "both studying it and seeing it work." She participated in two campaigns in Arkansas, her home state.

Starting out as an education major at Arkansas State Teachers' College, Sgt. Maxwell taught intermediate grades three years after graduation. Later she took a business college course.

Emily now is in the separation center.

When You're Seeking a Job Consider the Railroads

By Camp Newspaper Service

One of a series on post-war opportunities

After straining manpower and equipment almost to the limit to handle wartime transportation, American railroads are slowly catching their breath. But until demobilization is completed, coastwise and intercoastal shipping are resumed, and the war-depleted supply of tires and motor vehicles is replenished, those in the know expect railroads to handle traffic considerably above pre-war levels. Which means jobs for veterans.

As in other fields, the companies concerned believe that their first obligation is to men who left their jobs to enter the armed forces. The New York Central, for example, had more than 30,000 in the service, and the Pennsylvania, had 54,000.

But re-employment of these men and women must be weighed against other factors. For one thing, thousands of rail employees passed the retirement age of 65, but stuck to their tasks for the duration. Their retirement, now that the shooting is over, will open a number of avenues of employment. Many women were hired to do jobs for which men are physically better qualified. Their withdrawal is anticipated. Production of goods which was curtailed during the war is being resumed, and a part of the job of transporting the materials from which these goods are made and the finished products will fall to the railroads. And thousands of persons employed during the war and who would not normally work in that industry will be leaving the field.

GI Training May Help

Men with no pre-war railroad experience but who learned much about the business while assigned to units of the Military Railway Service may get a break with the roads. "These men," says a subcommittee of the Association of American Railroads, "will be a valuable source of the type of youthful potential leadership material the railroads will need, particularly for the improvement of their supervisory organizations."

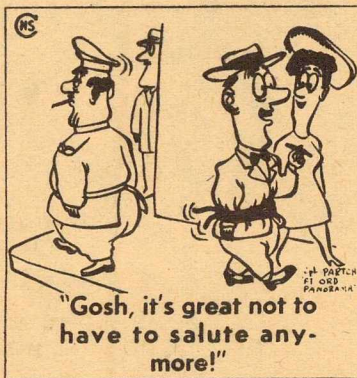
Most of the country's roads have been using obsolete and over-worked equipment because no other existed, as most men who have ridden on troop trains know only too well. The post-war period will therefore see the repair of some and the replacement of other parts of this equipment. Construction of new rolling stock, such as diesel locomotives and improved coaches and Pullmans, extension of air-conditioning in trains, installation of better safety devices, and the like will mean jobs in

railroad shops; veterans will be there to get their share.

On the other hand, railroads are not planning on extending their track mileage into new territory, according to G. E. Payne, System Publicity Representative of the Pennsylvania, for this, he says, would not be economically justified. However, improvements of service and equipment, Payne declares, "will be highly attractive to both passengers and shippers" and "will bring us greater traffic than we would otherwise have."

Rails Need 'Competent Help'

And I. W. Horning, Vice-President in charge of personnel for the New York Central, informed



CNS: "Railroad men are not inclined to be pessimistic regarding the future of the industry. This means that we shall continue to be acutely conscious of the manpower situation for several years and will need competent help."

To be realistic, though, it would be mistaken to assume that railroad employment will continue at peak war-time levels, a fact which both Horning and Payne point out. Elimination of war cargoes, and the restoration of competing means of transportation makes that inevitable.

However, employment equal to that of 1940 and 1941, which exceeded that of the '20s and '30s, appears likely which won't be too bad.

Employment is fairly stable, with little seasonal fluctuation, and most railroad personnel make the field a life-time pursuit. The industry is completely organized by the railroad brotherhoods, which are not members of either the AFL or CIO. These brotherhoods have a national reputation for respectability. To a greater or lesser extent, working conditions and wages are controlled by the government.

ON THE SPOT



JOSE S. GARCIA
Private First Class

There weren't the makings for any Christmas presents at Davao in December of '43, but Medical Corpsman Pfc. Jose S. Garcia received one of the finest gifts he ever had in that cold Japanese prison camp.

More than 250 officers got together and wrote a letter to the Surgeon General's Office, saying that Jose had done exceptionally fine work, taking care of the ill and wounded, and in their opinion, was entitled to the highest decoration this country could bestow. His constant, cheerful attention to the men during the hours of his nightly shift—7 P.M. to 7 A.M.—made life much more bearable, and only once did he take a night off. That was the evening of the feast of San Jose, his patron saint!

Jose entered the army in January, 1941, and eight months later was on his way to the Philippines. His home is right outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he worked as an attendant in St. Joseph's Hospital. He had to surrender at Bataan in April, 1942, but was so ill at the time, he escaped the ill-famed Death March and was transported to the first prison camp by truck. He was in Bilibid, and spent three months in Cabanatuan before being removed to Davao. While there, young Garcia was the leader of a large group of Spanish-American men who worked hard to keep morale high.

In December of '44, he was put aboard ship and miraculously lived through the 52 day horror journey to Japan. At Fukuoka, he again resumed duties as a corpsman, making bandages out of any available material and parceling out the few drugs they had. Then they were moved to a camp at Jinsen, Korea, where they were liberated the day after peace was declared.

MEDICAL DETACH

The following men are the "Lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get the "Little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted personnel have been transferred to the Letterman Separation Center since 2 October 1945; M/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, T/Sgt. Charles A. Browne, S/Sgts. Anton J. Sterr, Robert J. Ransom and Carver M. Smith, Sgts. Herbert Jauch, Joe B. Braswell, Elmer P. Martell, and Henry E. Theiler, T/4th Gr. Thomas F. Watson, Walter E. Behrens, Arthur A. Johnson, Lloyd Forshee, Everett W. Berry, John D. Hurst and George W. Vallis, Cpls. Isadore Lanfranco and Michale J. Stefan, T/5th Gr. John W. Lightner, Pvts. Earl R. Coburn, Emil J. Confarotta, Walter H. Laksanske, John W. Laverty, Louis D. Marcoux, Sydney L. Porter, Edward Rauch, Paul J. Rivera, Floyd H. Robinson, John H. Rolofson, Vernon Russell, Thomas M. Sergeant, and Paul S. Ramirez.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: S/Sgt. Robert B. Larson and T/3rd Gr. Dey E. Heazlit appointed T/Sgts.; Sgts. William S. Baldwin, Edward Blythin, Patrick J. Sullivan, Sigmund Arwitz and Angelo L. Leone appointed S/Sgts.; Cpls. Roger R. Rockholm, Ben Dembeck, Duane D. Trim, Harold E. Christian, Harry A. Fowler, Lester Silverman, Jack E. Miller, Frank Marano, Edward Rhinehart, Dale Gates, Rene C. Iacomini, Harry A. Steed, Edwin L. Stockton, James D. Parry, Israel Kulak, Woodrow W. Spikes, and Milton A. McGrady appointed Sgts.; Pvts. Cecil A. Eli, Joseph Farina, James M. Ward, Herbert L. Montgomery, Arthur A. Stockman, Floyd R. Thibault, Augustine V. Ayala, Donald A. Clark, Jerome S. Glazer, Gilbert W. Grady, Francis E. Gorman and Pete T. Vukasovich, appointed Cpls.; Pvts. Ordie E. McCane and Daniel F. Ervin appointed T/5th Gr.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox and Sgt. Elias Tamey once again rattling their brains trying to figure out a system for the coming horse races at Bay Meadows.

LETTERMAN DISCLOSES SAMPLE OF PERPETUAL MOTION—OUR HILDA



Mrs. HILDA H. MANSFIELD
Popular—and efficient—waitress at the P.X. Grill

Now that scientists are almost agreed that atomic power has been harnessed they may turn their attention to the secret of perpetual motion, and when they get around to that we recommend to their earnest study Mrs. Hilda H. Mansfield, the popular waitress at the Post Exchange Grill.

The patrons of that snack spot never cease to marvel at the speed with which Hilda handles her orders and it is alleged there is a reward for anyone who ever finds her sitting down anywhere.

Hilda hails from Foley, Minnesota, but pleads ignorance on how a town in that state happened to be named after an Irishman. All she knows about the town is that she was born there and it had already been named by that time—and it is good enough for her Norwegian forebears.

It was back in 1941 that Hilda joined the staff at the grill and she stayed for two years, then took a year off, and returned in 1944. The grill was her first job in California

and she still likes it best though she holds Minnesota high in her affections except in the winter time. The sun—if any—in San Francisco has more appeal.

When at work Hilda handles eleven tables in the Officers' Section, and we mean handles in every way. To see her whirl around picking up orders, returning with the food, writing out the check, and on to the next table without even slowing down is a revelation.

We asked her what was her highest number of customers served in one day. She could not give that figure but recalled filling out four books of checks—100 checks to a book—in one day, and most checks average more than one customer. Three books each day is a "breeze" for her. And all service is rendered with that unflinching smile.

While Hilda takes a modest pride in her work what really makes her boast is her family; eight girls and two boys—and with that competition Hilda had to hurry to get any-

The Stork Was Here

To FO and Mrs. Robert Paratore, a daughter, **Karen Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 8 October.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. T. W. Heikkala, a son, **Troy Thomas**, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces, born 8 October.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Wdw. E. Elliott, a son, **Edward Everett**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 8 October.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. R. J. Weiss, a son, **John William**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 9 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Nick A. Neufeld, a son, **Gerald Curtiss**, weight 8 pounds and 13 ounces, born 10 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles Lazin, a daughter, **Sherry Florence**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 10 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles W. Hall, a daughter, **Karen Jo**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 10 October.

To Cpl. and Mrs. F. J. Cullen, a daughter, **Lynn Lorraine**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 11 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Henry F. Nau, a son, **Richard Grant**, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 11 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Wallace Stapleton, a son, **Wallace Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 11 October.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Elmer J. Norris, a daughter, **Elizabeth Frances**, weight 9 pounds, born 11 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Lee O. Brayton, a son, **Lee Omar**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 14 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. H. K. Chan, a daughter, **Jacqueline Sau Cum**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 14 October.

To Cpl. and Mrs. G. F. Kuhn, a son, **Frederick George**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 14 October.

Northampton, Mass (CNS) — Meredith Stiles, 23, a discharged GI, is studying at Smith College—for 75 years a school for girls only—under the GI Bill of Rights. Originally entered at nearby Amherst, he transferred to Smith for tutoring in Spanish. "I feel like a guy who showed up for a formal dance in pajamas," says Stiles.

where. The joy of her life is Kathleen—her three year old daughter. And Kathleen gets every Sunday all to herself for mother's attention.

But we wager Hilda spends even that day in full motion.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

The hubbub in the hospital was terrific last Monday when the mighty Third Fleet arrived in S.F. Bay. We had a spy in the Administration Bldg. who called us the minute the first ship was visible through the fog. We can't see the bay from our office, but if you want a panoramic view of the underside of the Marina Bridge approach, come on down. Well, anyway, we dashed down to Crissy with the mob. The Dental Branch was well represented. They're always a colorful group. Lillian Jones was gesticulating wildly and Ruth Henry and Leone Brennan were adding a decorative note to the scene. In the center of this gay gathering, we found none other than Col. Boyd Smith, the Chief, who seemed to be quite at home with the ladies. He was clutching a de-luxe hamburger tightly in one hand, and the aroma exuding therefrom, sent us in a bee line to the PX. In passing the library, we noticed that the windows were jammed with sightseers and Louise Knight was in the front row center. The Occupational Therapy shop afforded a sheltered view and Zella Counts was actually sitting down to see the armada. Fred Diernisse was out braving the wind with the rest of us. It was one thing to get into the PX and another to get a sandwich. Josephine Alessi and Marion Leebens must have a drag, because they succeeded in having their orders filled with dispatch. We were positively drooling when ours were delivered, but the wait was well worth it, for you haven't lived until you've eaten a Crissyburger. We hear that they rented window space on the third floor. Why didn't we think of that?

We bade a fond adieu early this week to Bill Gruening. Bill was an LGH old-timer, who had a big job to do and did it in his own quiet, unassuming manner. He knew everyone in the installation and we're all going to miss him in many ways. Bill's boys thought he was a wonderful person and they all had good things to say about him. He's gone to take a well-earned rest and we wish him well in the future.

San Francisco (CNS) — A 9-year-old local resident ran away from home with \$3000 worth of his mother's jewels and sold most of them to a lady and a sailor for 30 cents.

A FIGHTING CHAPLAIN IS WELCOME ADDITION TO THE LETTERMAN STAFF



CHARLES P. COWHERD
CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) U. S. ARMY
Who joined the Letterman staff last week

The newest Chaplain to join our forces at Letterman is smiling, soft-voiced Captain Charles P. Cowherd, of Columbia, South Carolina.

Chaplain Cowherd's last assignment, before reporting here, was in Europe where he was on combat duty. The division he joined was with the Seventh Army which was near the doors of Hagenau in Alsace-Lorraine. During the heavy fighting, he was wounded several times, and carries shell fragments in his finger, knee, and chest that entitle him to the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

The new Baptist Chaplain is such a modest man, we couldn't get him to tell any of his experiences, so we had to fall back on statistics to get his story.

He decided to become a minister while he was attending Clemson College, a military school. He pursued his religious training three years after finishing college at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Because of his military training,

he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1934 and went to Florida for six months as a junior officer in a C.C.C. camp. After that, he went back to the Seminary for a year more of study before going on to a pastorate at Summerton, South Carolina.

He swung back into his military way of life when he decided he could do more work in the army. Chaplain Cowherd reported for duty with the 30th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson on October 30, 1941.

His next move came when his regiment was sent to Iceland for 11 months. There, he was transferred to the 49th Station Hospital and shipped to England in July, 1943.

After a year, he got a little restless and inquired about combat duty. The Army obliged and he joined the 79th Division, 315th Infantry, staying with them until they were ordered to join the Ninth Army to establish a bridgehead across the Rhine. Shortly after that came the moment he didn't duck in time, and it was then that he absorbed a few samples of the enemy's armament.

WAC

A party of four settled down on a couple of bunks in lower 212 Monday night polishing shoes for T/5 Mary Thompson on the eve of her anticipated departure for Santa Fe where she will marry an ex-Letterman RAMP.

In July 1941, shortly before he left for the Pacific, Mary met the soldier, later taken prisoner and held until liberation.

As RAMPS passed through the processing line one day last month, Mary recognized her friend. They became reacquainted in the time he was at Letterman, before his transfer to Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe.

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Romance blew through other barracks this week as T/5 Virginia M. Stanley, made plans for her wedding Sunday to a former patient, recently discharged. The ceremony will be at the home of his relatives.

T/5 Georgia Houser was flashing a bright new diamond this week and making plans for an early wedding.

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In tan sports coat and a bright flowered red dress with a gold discharge button sparkling appealingly, Adeline Brown, who was a Barracks 212 resident until a couple weeks ago, romped through the administration building early this week making arrangements to work in the PX fountain. "And remember," Brownie said that a friend warned her, "there are other customers in the PX besides Wacs."

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Another dischargee coming back to work at the Presidio will be Pearl Bell who left for Camp Beale Tuesday morning with T/5's Thelma Norton and Maysie Mallard. T/5 Anita Mae Dennis, whose husband has just been discharged from the navy, expects to leave shortly for Fort Dix to be discharged.

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Furloughs, spurting suddenly as restrictions were lifted, are being enjoyed by T/5s Marion Shine, Dorothy Sundin, Ilene Pickrem, Ruth Singerman and T/5's Pat Anderson, Betty J. Hale, Mary Krauer, Dorothy Davis, Mildred Stech, Sarah Hiatt, Rosemary Advay, Rena and Mary Shelton, Frances Jenkina, Mathilda Capell, Gladys Olson, Bonnie Foster and Helga Bjorndal.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Old Bones

Old Bones wasn't a very good-looking horse. His clavicle stuck out of his hide like a tentpole. He had a long neck, short legs for a race horse, and a heavy rear end. But—next to Man o' War—he was the greatest horse that ever raced.

Old Bones' real name was Exterminator. And that's just what he did. He exterminated everything in sight. And when he retired after racing 6 years, he had won 50 races—more than any other American horse.

When Old Bones was foaled, he was thought to be such an unlikely horse that he was gelded. An outsider in the 1918 Derby he paid \$61.20 to win—which he did. And in his career he won \$252,996—a lot of coin in those days.

He never raced Man o' War, who came along a year after Bones, but that wasn't his fault. Samuel Riddle, who owned the Big Red, wanted no part of Old Bones. It would have been a whale of a race had they met.

Retired after 6 years on the track, Exterminator and his pal Peanuts, a comic Shetland pony, lived out the rest of their years on Willis Sharpe Kilmer's Binghamton (N. Y.), farm, until Peanuts' death last year. Then Bones went into a decline and the other day—at the great horse age of 30—he was found lying very still in his stall. Death had sounded the call to the post for Old Bones.

Don't Cut Yourself

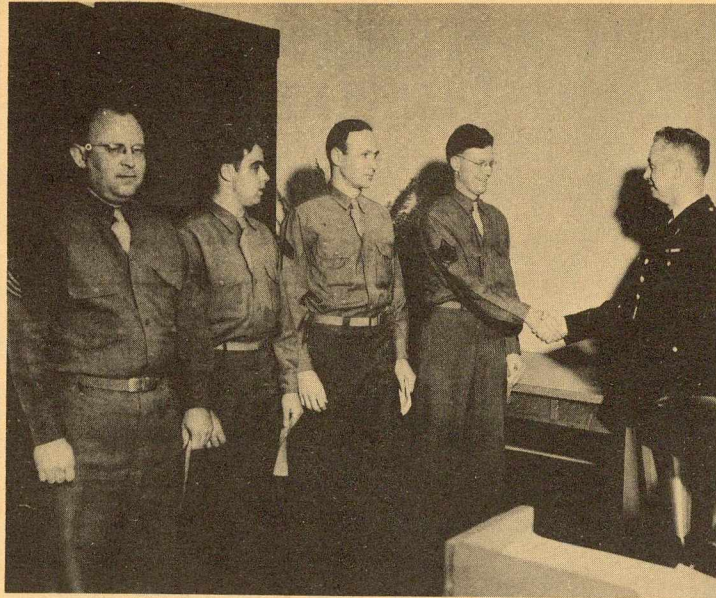
San Francisco (CNS) — The sword is only an "object of ancient art and cutlery," says the Jap Home Ministry, and is not a weapon. The Japs say nothing about it as a symbol of Nipponese militarism, or as a means of lopping off the heads of Allied prisoners.

MORE ABOUT MEDICAL CONFERENCE

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the dedication ceremonies an Aquacade, starring Ann Curtis, National Swim Champion, will be held for the patients and the visitors.

Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, who will make the address of welcome at the opening of the conference, is lending every aid to Lt. Col. William C. Spalding in completing the local arrangements.



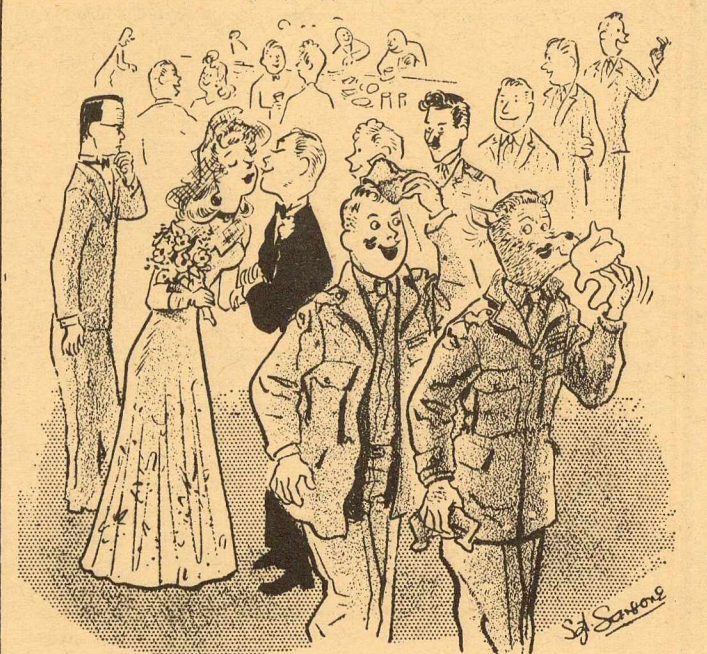
SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft extending congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Robert B. Larson on his promotion to that grade. Others who added a chevron to become staff sergeants are (L to R) William S. Baldwin, Patrick J. Sullivan, and Edward Blythin.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"This'll make the fifth wedding we've gone to today. Know of any more?"

More Money???

A number of bills now pending in Congress are especially interesting to civil service employees, because they concern possible raises in payroll to a 48-hour rate while cutting the week to 40 hours.

Representative DeLacy has introduced a bill along these lines on behalf of the Navy's civilian workers, and Sheridan Downey has authorized a similar bill, designed to raise federal employees' salaries still more, by the same means.

They're Off!!

The California Jockey Club, through Mr. Bill Kyne, General Manager, has extended an invitation to one hundred patients to attend the opening of the fall racing season at Bay Meadows track at San Mateo on Tuesday next.

Luncheon will be served before the races start and there will be a musical program for the entertainment of the men during the afternoon.

OCS Carries On!

Washington (CNS) — There's hope for you-all who lack the points or age for discharge; just go to OCS. Schools will continue to operate "for some time," says WB Circular 293, but applicants will have to sign a statement that they will remain in the service one year after graduation. Following schools are still in business: AAF, Arm'd, CWS, FA, Engr, Finance, Inf, JAG, MP, Ord, Qm, Signal, Transportation.

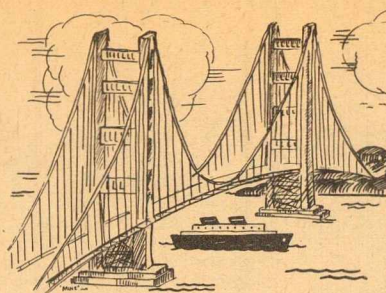
Marines Cut Points

Washington (CNS) — The Marines cut the point level for discharge to 60 for men and 25 for women, effective Oct 8.

MORE ABOUT WAC BAND

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son, Indiana; T/4 Jessie K. Maneely, Youngstown, Ohio; Pfc. Mary M. Parsons, Brookline, Mass.; T/4 Madeleine Y. Pennington, Palmyra, N. J.; T/5 Maxine L. Peurifoy, Rayne, La.; T/4 Caroline F. Pilarski, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; T/5 Agnes M. Powers, Orange, New Jersey; Pfc. Emma F. Reynolds, Knoxville, Tenn.; T/Sgt. Dorothy L. Ryburn, Paterson, N. J.; T/5 Dora E. Schondel, Swanton, Ohio; T/4 Jessie M. Tompkins, Warren, Ohio; T/5 Betty L. West, Detroit, Mich.; T/5 Julie G. Wildasin, Little Falls, Minn.; T/4 Dorothy A. Zanelli, Middletown, Conn.



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New Record is Set For Admissions From Overseas

It could be developing into a habit but Letterman again established a new high in the number of overseas admissions for a single day when 1862 patients were admitted on Saturday last. Of this number 991 were recovered American military personnel—or RAMPS.

The system for handling the administrative processes for the large group in the previous week again stood up under the strain of this record number and the patients were absorbed into the command with a minimum of delay.

Another record was set when the Receiving & Evacuation section finished cutting of orders for the entire group, as well as several hundred others who had arrived on Friday, by midnight of Sunday and early on Monday morning every one of the transportable patients knew the destination of his next journey to a hospital of definitive treatment.

To accomplish this herculean feat it was necessary that the diagnosis and desired destination of each individual patient be coded and forwarded to the office of the Medical Regulating Officer at Washington, and receive in return the assignments from that source.

Yards of teletype paper had to be deciphered and put into plain language for the cutting of the orders and the personnel of the Receiving & Evacuation section stayed at the task all day Sunday and finished by midnight. The orders were then transmitted to the Hospital Train Unit, 1960 SCU, and by Monday noon eight hospital trains had been scheduled to leave during the week—four on Wednesday and four on Thursday to carry the patients



AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY OFFICIALS

Are the guests of the commanding general on a visit to Crissy Annex library which was furnished through the interest of the company. L to R—Mr. John C. Bovey, Vice President and Senior Loan Officer, Mr. James K. Lohead, President, General Hillman, Mr. E. V. Crick, Cashier and Mr. Douglas B. Odell, Manager, Marina branch, American Trust Company.

to hospitals designated by the Medical Regulating Office.

Of the last three days of last week the Hospital Train Unit arranged transportation for better than 2300 patients to other hospitals and that was something of a record for that smoothly working organization.

In the six day period from 15 October to 20 October the following were the daily admissions: 15 Oct.—1547; 16 Oct.—706; 17 Oct.—148; 18 Oct.—27; 19 Oct.—155; 20 Oct.—1855. The grand total of 4438 patients from overseas gave everyone on the staff at Letterman a busy time.

High Officials of America Trust Co. Visit Letterman

High ranking officials of the American Trust Company—the organization which made possible the furnishing of the library at Crissy Annex—were the guests of the commanding general at luncheon on Tuesday and later made a tour of inspection of the Crissy Annex.

The first stop was at the library building where General Hillman pointed out the bronze plaque commemorating the donors, and then the guests met the librarian on duty and talked with some of the patients. Visits were made to the Arts & Skills shop and to the Telephone Center after leaving the library.

In addition to the furniture, rugs, and drapes donated by the American Trust Company, many of the books on the shelves were a personal gift from Mr. James K. Lohead, President of the company, and he headed the group of officials who made the tour of the annex. Accompanying Mr. Lohead were Mr. John C. Bovey, Vice President and senior Loan Officer, and Mr. E. V. Crick, Cashier. Mr. Douglas B. Odell, manager of the Marina branch of the American Trust Company, escorted to the visitors and introduced them to the commanding general.

Before leaving the hospital General Hillman conducted his guests to see the new swimming pool and gymnasium and a call was made at the library in the East Hospital.

General Hillman thanked Mr. Lohead in the name of the patients for the generous interest of the American Trust Company in the well being of our overseas veterans

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Medical Department Highly Praised by Chief of Staff

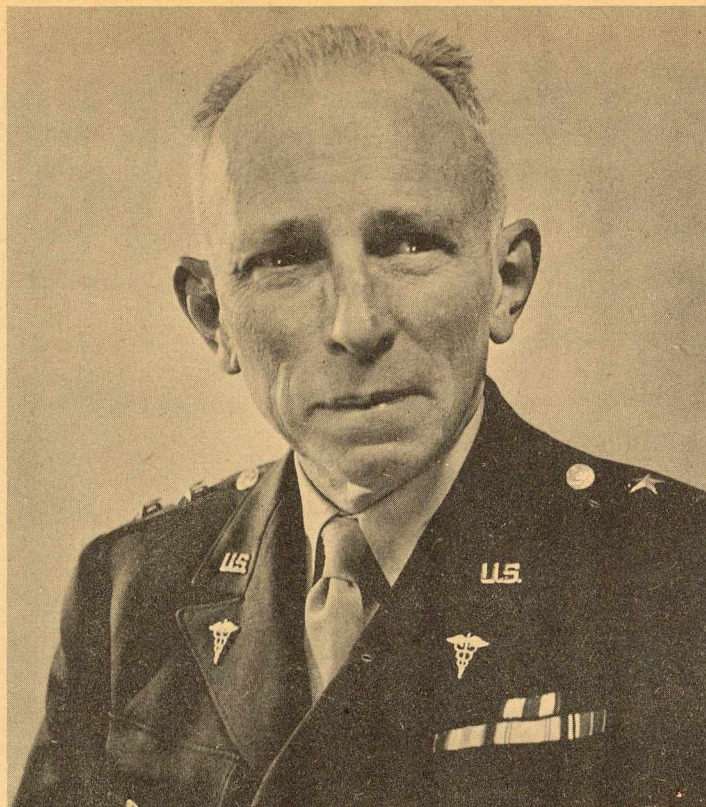
In his Biennial Report to The Secretary of War, General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, paid tribute to the Medical Department for its outstanding work in World War II, as follows:

"The remarkable reduction in the percentage of the deaths from battle wounds is one of the most direct and startling evidences of the great work of the Army Medical service. In the last two years Army hospitals treated 9,000,000 patients; another 2,000,000 were treated in quarters and more than 80,000,000 cases passed through the dispensaries and received outpatient treatment. This tremendous task was accomplished by 45,000 Army doctors assisted by a like number of nurses and by more than one-half million enlisted men, including battalion-aid men, whose courage and devotion to duty under fire has been as great as that of the fighting men they assisted.

"One of the great achievements of the Medical Department was the development of penicillin therapy which has already saved the lives of thousands. Two years ago penicillin, because of an extraordinarily complicated manufacturing process, was so scarce the small amounts available were priceless. Since then mass production techniques have been developed and the Army is now using 2,000,000 ampules a month.

"Despite the fact that United States troops lived and fought in some of the most disease-infested areas of the world, the death rate from non-battle causes in the Army in the last two years was approximately that of the corresponding age group in civil life—about 3 per 1,000 per year. The greater exposure of troops was counterbalanced by the general immunization from such diseases as typhoid, typhus, cholera, tetanus, smallpox, and yellow fever, and, obviously, by the fact that men in the Army were selected for their physical fitness.

"The comparison of the non-battle death rate in this and other wars is impressive. During the Mexican War, 10 per cent of officers and enlisted men died each year of disease; the rate was reduced to 7.2 per cent of Union troops in the Civil War; to 1.6 per cent in the Spanish War and the Philippine Insurrection; to 1.3 per cent in World



Major General NORMAN T. KIRK, U. S. Army
Surgeon General of the Army
Whose department has been highly praised in the report of the chief of Staff to the Secretary of War.

War I; and to 0.6 per cent of the troops in this war.

"Insect-borne diseases had a great influence on the course of operations throughout military history. Our campaigns in the remote Pacific Islands would have been far more difficult than they were except for the most rigid sanitary discipline and the development of highly effective insecticides and repellents. The most powerful weapon against disease-bearing lice, mosquitoes, flies, fleas and other insects was a new chemical compound commonly known as DDT. In December 1943 and early 1944, a serious typhus epidemic developed in Naples. The incident had reached 50 cases a day. DDT dusting stations were set up and by March more than a million and a quarter persons had been processed through them. These measures and an extensive vaccination program brought the epidemic under control within a month. Shortly after the invasion of Saipan an epidemic of dengue fever developed among the troops. After extensive aerial spraying of

DDT in mosquito-breeding areas, the number of new cases a day fell more than 80 per cent in two weeks. The danger of scrub typhus in the Pacific Islands and in Burma and China was reduced measurably by the impregnation of clothing with dimethyl phthalate.

"The treatment of battle neurosis progressed steadily so that between 40 and 60 per cent of the men who broke down in battle returned to combat and another 20 to 30 per cent returned to limited duties. In the early stages of the war less than 10 per cent of these men were reclaimed for any duty.

"The development of methods of handling whole blood on the battlefield was a great contribution to battle surgery. Though very useful, plasma is not nearly as effective in combating shock and preparing wounded for surgery as whole blood. Blood banks were established in every theatre and additional quantities were shipped by air from the United States, as a result of the contribution of thousands of patriotic Americans. An expendable re-

Japs Nuts About C-Ration Hash

Tokyo (CNS)—C ration hash stew has gone over so big with the Japs that a single can sells for 20 yen (\$1.33) on the Tokyo black market. Despite sharp orders by both American and Japanese authorities, Black Market Jap merchants are offering 20 yen for a package of American cigarettes and 10 yen for a packet of sugar contained in Army field rations.

Pilot Dumps \$866 Million Into Wilds of Tibet

Prince Rupert, B. C. (CNS)—Capt Cedric Mark claims credit for the most expensive flight in the history of aviation. When one engine of Capt Mark's transport broke down high in the wilds of Tibet, he jettisoned \$866,000,000 of Chinese paper money.

Hot Money?

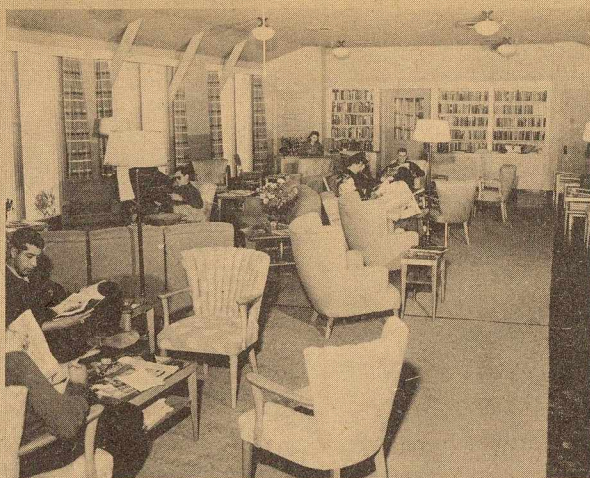
London (CNS)—Dr Paul Einzig, financial expert of London's Financial News, has suggested a new currency for inflation-ridden Europe: American cigarettes.

frigerator was developed to preserve blood in the advanced surgical stations for a period of usefulness of 21 days.

"So that no casualty is discharged from the Army until he has received full benefit of the finest hospital care this Nation can provide, the medical service has established a reconditioning program. Its purpose is to restore to fullest possible physical and mental health any soldier who has been wounded or fallen ill in the service of his country.

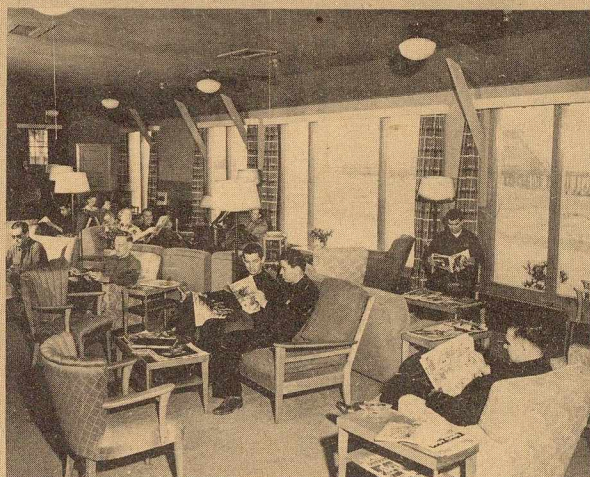
"To insure that men are properly prepared for return to civilian life the Army established 25 special convalescent centers. At these centers men receive not only highly specialized medical treatment, but have full opportunity to select any vocational training or recreation activity, or both, they may desire. Men, for example, who have been disabled by loss of arms or legs are fitted with artificial limbs and taught to use them skillfully in their former civilian occupation or any new one they may select. Extreme care is taken to insure that the men suffering from mental and nervous disorders resulting from combat are not returned to civil life until they have been given every possible treatment and regained their psychological balance."

Views of The Interior of The Crissy Annex Library



HOME TOWN PAPERS

As well as books and magazines are available for perusal at the library.



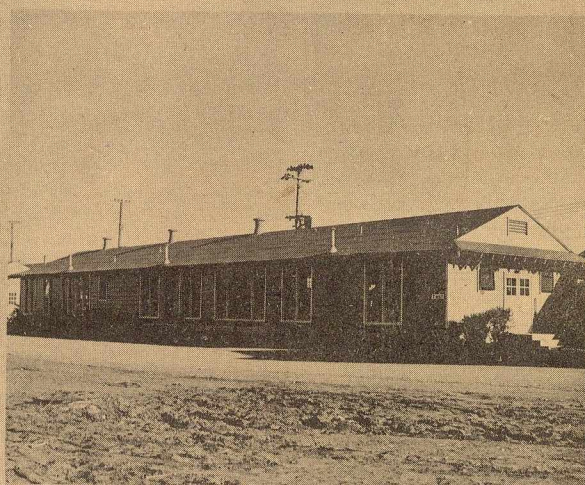
A POPULAR SPOT

To relax or visit is the library furnished by the American Trust Company of San Francisco.



EVEN THE "FUNNIES"

Are at hand in the library. Get that grin on this GI.



EXTERIOR VIEW OF CRISSY LIBRARY

Note full length plate glass windows looking out on bay.



BRIDGE TOWER IN THE DISTANT HAZE

Seen from a quiet corner of the Crissy Library.

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EDITORIAL

Thank You, Ladies!

With all other normal enterprises, the telephone company incurred tremendous difficulties with Pearl Harbor. Manufacture of equipment was more or less frozen, personnel went into the armed forces, and the demand for the facility soared. Differing from many enterprises, the telephone company was dealing in an essential service, and received the pressure from both ends; service had to be bettered with fewer facilities.

By dint of mighty stretching of equipment, the company came through, but the performance would have been impossible without the faithful, disciplined conduct of thousands of operators, those of the company as well as those at private switchboards. These employees were pleasant, business like, and helpful on the day before Pearl Harbor, and they were still pleasant, business like and helpful on V-J Day, as well as during the interval between those momentous days, often under conditions which have tried the patience of a saint.

They deserve the thanks of the community.

—San Francisco "Chronicle."

And we would like to echo that sentiment here at Letterman. The young ladies at the switchboards in our telephone centers have often provided the first link with home for so many of our returning veterans. They have worked many



A very enthusiastic audience enjoying the music of Lawrence Welk's orchestra in the patio on Thursday afternoon.

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Major Ruth Wagner, acting Principal Chief Nurse, moving to a new office and taking her pet plant with her.

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The P. X. Grill waning in popularity as a spot for that late breakfast.

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Lysistrata set to music and played for a large audience at the "Y" on Thursday evening.

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Colonel Brown S. McClintic investing a nickle in the "coke" machine and getting no return—yet.

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Lieut. Frances V. Peterson warming up for the Victory Bond campaign.

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Captain Lester B. Vanderburgh, Supply officer, going south on a scavenger hunt.

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Captain Elizabeth Foster losing her appendix quick like early one morning.

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Lieut. Mary Holke threatening to hold open house in the new apartment—but no phone.

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Major Leslie D. Snyder looking for some of the offices in new locations and asking for a map.

GIs Right to Beef Upheld in Congress

Washington (CNS)—The right to beef was upheld today before a Congressional committee, which was told that the Army will "protect" any individual who puts his beef in writing to his Congressman. So spoke B/Gen Robert Berry, on behalf of the WD.

hours beyond the normal working day and have never failed to smile. They imitated the patience of Job in the complicated call on their services. They truly merit the traditional "Well Done" encomium of our Armed Forces.

And we add our thanks to that of the community.



By Jeanne Riha

Fifty nurses, who started out from New Orleans about a month ago for the Pacific area and got halted and turned around at Panama, have arrived at Letterman, the closest they were destined to get to Pacific service.

After about a week of traveling on the Army hospital ship Republic, they dropped anchor at Panama where the Republic went into drydock for three and a half weeks. While repairs were being made on the ship, its passengers toured Panama, its famed ruins, its leper colonies and its beaches.

"Ten minutes in the sun would give you a terrific tan," said one of the LGH newcomers, offering proof.

Five minutes, roughly, before the Republic was to continue its journey, the nurses learned they were to be returned to the states; there weren't many tears of disappointment.

After docking at San Pedro and spending three days at Camp Anza, they traveled by train to San Francisco, arriving here Sunday. The 50 will replace LGH nurse discharges.

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Newly discharged from the LGH separation point were 1st Lt. Dorothy Ellson of Wisconsin, who had two and a half years of Pacific theater service before being assigned to Letterman; 1st Lt. Mary K. Flint of Glendale, Calif., who was assigned here in May after returning from Alaska; 1st Lt. Lesse M. Hall, Texas nurse, who came here last July from the European theater; 1st Lt. Evelyn M. Millis of Illinois, here since July; 1st Lt. Evelyn M. Gustafson, assigned here in July after 29 months in the South Pacific and 2nd Lt. Juanita J. Oliver, in North Africa and Italy before coming here in May.

Other LGH discharges were 1st Lt. Eileen H. Musladin; 1st Lts. Adeline Slovack and Shirley Wien, here since May; 1st Lts. Glenna Denton and Helen Gribble, here since April; 1st Lt. Josephine M. Zito, here since August, and 1st Lts. Nathalie Fitzherbert and Lois R. Bock.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 28, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chaplain Tetirick Appointed to New Oklahoma Pastorate

Chaplain Guy Tetirick, who left us recently to return to civilian life, has written to inform us of his appointment as pastor of the First Methodist Church at Miami, Oklahoma. He heads a congregation numbering 1000 and has a vast field for his zeal and enthusiasm.

Chaplain Tetirick has also been honored by election to the 33rd degree by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. He was one of six from the state of Oklahoma elected to this degree and now joins the company of the Commander in Chief and others of high rank in the armed forces.

The chaplain extends a cordial invitation to all Lettermanites to stop off at the parsonage in Miami whenever they pass that way along Highway 66.

British, U. S. to Guard Secret of Atom Bomb

London (CNS)—Prime Minister Attlee has pledged British cooperation with President Truman's proposal that the secret of the atomic bomb be guarded until complete control of the weapon was assured.

"President Truman has spoken of preparation of plan for the future control of this bomb, and of a request to the Congress to cooperate to the end that its production and use may be controlled and that its power may be made an overwhelming influence toward world peace," the prime minister said. "It is the intention of His Majesty's Government to put all their efforts into the promotion of the objects this foreshadowed and they will lend their full cooperation to that end."

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARGARET SMITH
Corporal

Cpl. Margaret Smith, who came to Letterman from Des Moines last week, has more reason than the "amazing hills" for finding this tip of the west coast fascinating; her husband, to whom she was married two months ago on a special furlough, is stationed barely 100 miles away, at Camp Beale.

The Wac corporal requested transfer to be near her husband and for two weeks before the transfer was granted went through the traditional Army process of "sweating it out." "I still don't believe it," she says.

A veteran of over two years' service, Margaret has done cadre work throughout her army career. After basic at Oglethorpe, she was assigned 22 months at Fort Sam Houston as company clerk, went back to Oglethorpe as instructor of medical technicians and ended up at Des Moines as company clerk for the training center detachment. Here at LGH Margaret is also assigned to cadre.

Margaret met her husband in summer of 1939 when he was in her home town of Elkton, S.D., directing the city band. His regular job was teaching math, science and band; hers was teaching too, intermediate grades and grade music in a small town 35 miles away. They entered the Army at the same time, she at Oglethorpe, he at Salt Lake City.

When she and her husband are civilians again, they plan to go back to school, preferably to the University of Colorado. Margaret, who attended Eastern State Normal School in South Dakota, has one year to go for her degree.

Sewing is Margaret's pet diversion, or was until her clothes were provided for her. "I used to make only tailored things," she commented. "Now I think I'll want all the frills

U. S. Civil Service Offers Jobs, Vacations, Security

By Camp Newspaper Service
One of a series on post-war opportunities

The biggest employer in the country is Uncle Sam himself, and there's scarcely a skill or a trade which he cannot use. Which is a fact of importance to job-seeking ex-servicemen, especially since veterans receive preference in the employment of civil service personnel.

Before the war there were 1,000,000 federal employees, and during the battle the numbers rose to 3,000,000. The number is presently decreasing with the liquidation of war agencies, but the chances are there will be more federal employees after the war than there were before. This is because government regulation of many activities is here to stay; this is admitted by many who do not approve of it.

500,000 Jobs in 2 Years

Specifically, Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming of the U. S. Civil Service Commission states that 500,000 jobs will be filled in the next 2 years.

Some 95% of federal workers are in the "classified service," which means that jobs are competitive, and are filled by examination under the merit system. To find out what vacancies there are, qualifications, pay, location, and other information, a job-seeker should visit or communicate with Civil Service offices in these cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Winston-Salem, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Chicago, St Paul, Omaha, St Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, New Orleans, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Salt Lake City. Also: Honolulu; Balboa Heights, C. Z., and San Juan, P. R.

If these offices are inconvenient, try any first or second class post office.

The federal service is especially attractive to disabled vets, because special efforts have been made to place them in jobs which they are able to handle (there are 5000 such positions), and because they receive a 10-point bonus on the scores of their civil service examinations. Other vets receive a 5-point bonus. Furthermore, when vets entitled to 10-point preference cannot qualify for a job because of a service-connected disability, their wives receive those valuable 10 points. Unmarried widows of veterans get the same break.

and ruffles I can get—at least I think that now."

Margaret's is a newspaper family. Her father is editor and publisher of the Elkton Record, a weekly; three of her four brothers are journalists, one in the south and two in the midwest. There are also three other

The U. S. Civil Service Commission is accepting applications for jobs today from veterans only. Details of the advantages veterans receive may be found in the Commission's pamphlet, "From Military Service to Civil Service," available at any Commission office.

VA Has Good Jobs

The biggest opportunities at the moment, according to Commissioner Flemming, are in the Veterans Administration which is in desperate need of the following: contact representative, training officer, physical director and recreational aid. Gen Omar N. Bradley, VA boss, expects to have 120,000 employees on his staff, mostly vets. The Treasury Department needs qualified veterans to carry on the war against income tax evaders and black market operators.

Federal employment is not restricted to Washington, though, of course, there are many openings in the capital.

Here are some of the typical jobs: postmaster, railway postal clerk, rural carrier, postal clerk, electrician, photographer, compositor, lithographer, elevator operator, custodian, stenographer, secretary, clerk, weather observer, forest ranger, engineer, architect, draftsman, nurse, accountant, auditor, statistical expert, information specialist, librarian, investigator, customs inspector, and literally thousands of others.

The federal service offers its employees several advantages. Tenure of employment is unusually great. There are ample opportunities for promotion, sick leave and annual leave provisions, and a retirement plan.

It's something to look into.

Nashville, Tenn (CNS)—Z. S. Woodfin owes his life to a peanut. As he threw back his head to inhale a goober here recently, a bullet zipped through his hatband. The bullet, fired from a rifle range nearby, had ricocheted from a rock toward the peanut-eating Woodfin.

Portland, Me (CNS)—Grounds for divorce: Mrs Edwina Hammond is suing her husband because, while he slept each night in their bedroom, he forced her to sleep in the chicken coop.

girls in her family.

When they are out of service, the Smiths plan to live somewhere in the west. Mountains are the prime requisite, Margaret says, and she's getting broken in, literally and figuratively, climbing San Francisco hills.

ON THE SPOT



LEWIN S. VILLA
Technical Sergeant

Looking back over the files in this Sanctum we came upon the picture shown above and it was labelled "Private," and used for the old Buck of the Week column in this paper. That was about three years ago and Lew Villa has come a long way since then. The picture is now captioned "Technical Sergeant"—in case you did not notice it.

In that period of time Lew has done a lot of things around here—and everything was done well. He was the strong right hand man of the Post Exchange officer, and then he became the very dependable aide to the Chaplain. When the Reconditioning program was organized Lew was transferred over there to help get the plan working—and he stayed with Reconditioning.

Recently he was sent to the school for instructors in reconditioning at Fort Lewis and completed the six weeks course with high rating. Back here now he is in charge of the gymnasium and if any man in the command can popularize that locality Lew Villa is the man.

In civilian life before he came to the Army the sergeant had considerable experience in merchandising and, while we do not like to place any credence in the stories his associates tell about his achievements in the selling game, we do believe he can do a grand selling job on the gymnasium and its facilities.

And speaking of his veracity, we should mention that only occasionally is he suspected in that regard—when he tells about the "one that got away." Lew is a fisherman, and what a fisherman! So is Mrs. Villa and they make a fine team on hunting and fishing expeditions in all the streams and wooded dells within easy travel distance of San Francisco.

Drop in at the gym and hear his tall tales.

MEDICAL DETACH

The following men are the "Lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "Little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted personnel have been transferred to the Letterman Separation Center: S/Sgt. William S. Baldwin; Sgts. Duane B. Trim, Orland R. Dial, Charles E. Prater, Robert G. Purkey, Melvin A. Oberdick, Filbert J. Quiroz, Danile F. Thomas, and Bruce E. Sloan; Cpls. Paul Wayne, Ivory E. Hollenbeck, Finas D. Tucker, Jonathan L. Carter, Willia S. Evans, Gordon L. Lockwood, Julius Cippa, Harry Crosspietsch, Benjamin F. Morris, Ralph T. McCromack, Lemert W. Norris, James P. Petrinovich, Gim F. Yee, Raymond Seidenberg, and Elmer G. Whaley; Pvts. John E. Sherek, Pedro Jimenez, Joe L. Metner, James V. Leonard, Liborio V. Tamayo, Russell V. Parker, Harry Klein, Danile B. Meaders, Henry A. Krieger, Raymond J. Sprung, Rupert Leech, Joseph E. Orman, Herman W. Goodwin, Thomas L. Davis, Percy L. Landingham, Frank J. Birringer, Anthony L. Bertolami, Louis C. Reichenbach, Theodore S. Bertozzi and Obie D. Skinner.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who have been promoted during the past week: Cpls. Julius Robbins, William J. Dunnigan, Dalton E. Poff, Albert J. Giovannetti, Tony S. Sabella and Woodrow H. Schenebeck appointed Sergeants; Pvts. John E. DiMartini, Joseph B. Henson, William C. Jarding, George L. Trippon, Clinton H. Hill, Bernard Siegel, Bing Young, George J. Horsley and Maurice Smith, appointed Corporals.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox loading up his rattler with some of the Letterman horsemen last Tuesday for the opening of Bay Meadows where the Sergeant and his friends donated to the Kyne "Relief."

Sgt. Lou D. Slott singing a new discharge song entitled "Either too young or too pointless."

T/4th Gr. Paul Katz, the pharmacy lawyer, answering all the questions on how to get a discharge but still looking for a regulation that will make him a civilian.

FIFTY NURSES START FOR OKINAWA ARE LUCKY TO LAND AT LETTERMAN



2nd Lieut. MARGARET ANN BECKER, ANC
Who started for Okinawa and landed at Letterman last week.

In the days of war and since Letterman has witnessed the arrival and departure of hundreds of nurses, but we hit the jackpot on Friday evening last when a group of 50 reported as replacements for the nurses who are champing at the bit to be released from the service.

The first of the group of newcomers who cast her shadow in the door of the FOGHORN Sanctum was 2nd Lt. Margaret Ann Becker—and she was looking for the place where the paymaster hides out. It has been a long time since the youthful lieutenants had been paid and most of them had gone on a shopping spree down near the equator to end up with depleted purses.

Lieut. Becker, as demure as any Quaker maid, really hails from Philadelphia and came into the Army last May at Camp Lee, Virginia. She volunteered for overseas duty, and after completing the basic training at Camp Lee she and her group actually started for the wars. A stop

at Fort Jackson preceded the move to New Orleans and a berth on a transport for the long ride to the west Pacific area. Then fate stepped in.

The ship developed engine trouble but floated into Balboa in the Canal Zone still right side up. Then followed a three week period of leisure for the nurses while necessary repairs were made. One who has never been to Panama has no idea what three weeks in Panama can do to a pocketbook or a check book. Lieut. Becker and her friends learned the hard way. So many attractive "bargains" and so little money.

Once again the ship started for the Pacific, and once again "engine" trouble. Back to Panama and more opportunity to spend money on the bargains in the Indian shops along the waterfront. By this time the war was well over and someone in Washington came up with an idea. Orders were cancelled and new issued. This time the ship headed for Los Angeles and service on the homeland

The Stork Was Here

To Lt. and Mrs. James Harold Mitchell, a daughter, Phyllis Louise, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 15 October.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Frederick J. Herschleb, a daughter, Carol Ann, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 16 October.

To C.W.O. and Mrs. Gerald F. Mattingly, a son, John Michael, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 15 October.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Thomas N. Brunner, a daughter, Cheryl Anne, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 17 October.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Gene A. Wolz, a son, James Philip, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces, born 17 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William H. Caughlin, a son, William H. Jr., weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 17 October.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Russell F. Kiehn, a son, Russell F. Jr., weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 17 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Chun Loke Fong, a daughter, Cynthia Fern, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 17 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Hyrum A. Hendrickson, a daughter, Lilly, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 19 October.

To WOJG and Mrs. William A. Ruf, a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces, born 19 October.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Henry C. Neal, a daughter, Christina Katherine, weight 5 pounds and 4 ounces, born 20 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Gee, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 20 October.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James P. Petrinovich, a son, James Michael, weight 7 pounds, born 20 October.

for the several hundred nurses on board.

It was a kind fate that sent "Becky" and her companions to Letterman. When asked what she liked about the place, "Becky" said: "It is so good to have table linen in the mess hall. And the grass is so green, and a trolley car right on the spot. I did hope to go to Okinawa where my brother is in the service, but I will settle for Letterman."

And Letterman is delighted to have "Becky" and her gang join our staff.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Sight of the week: Sgt. Evelyn Hektner adding that bright, shining, early-morning-freshness to her face with an application of Brilliantine—from a bottle that looked just like her liquid makeup.

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T/5th Gr. Helen Kirk was commended, in a letter read aloud before members of the detachment Monday night, for saving the life of an elderly man, a family friend, by her prompt application of first aid while she was on furlough last July.

The ill man, father of a retired Army officer, was revived by Helen's quick use of massage and stimulants at a time when members of the family thought he was about to die.

"I don't deserve too much credit," the LGH Wac said. "I just gave him the first aid that the Army and Red Cross taught me."

Also commended, in a letter read at the same time, were five girls who gave up their Sunday afternoon off, two weeks ago, to assist in the reception of an exceptionally large load of RAMPS.

Given honorable mention in the commendation, approved by General Hillman, were T/5th Grs. Pauline S. Bolick, Stella Messer, Manda A. Helgeson, Josephine Casper, Maggie Buck and Mildred Svejkar.

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T/5th Gr. Sylvia Tutaj is wearing a bright new diamond from an air force lieutenant whom she met when he was stationed near her home in Wisconsin. For the last two months he has been stationed at Hamilton Field; Sylvia has been at Letterman since June. They are planning to be married here in November.

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Something new in the line of Army holidays is the two-day pass which T/5th Gr. Caroline James spent early this week at Camp Stoneman with her brother, about to go overseas.

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T/5th Gr. Lorraine Cross and Pvt. Louise Felty took a week-end jaunt to Sacramento last Saturday. T/5th Grs. Ethel Anderson and Stella Messer, who went into the Army at the same time, are planning to be together when they go home on furlough soon.

COLONEL BOGART, CHIEF OF THE RADIOLOGICAL SERVICE, GOES HOME



Lieut. Col. FRANKLIN B. BOGART, MC,
Chief of the Radiological Service who has resumed civil life.

The staff at the Separation Point is playing havoc with the people who have done so much to maintain the Letterman tradition for the past four years, and the latest to leave us by that process is Lieutenant Colonel Franklin B. Bogart, who has been the Chief of our Radiological Service since October 1942.

Colonel Bogart came to us from Lawson General Hospital and soon established himself in the high esteem of his associates on the staff. He brought into the army a broad experience in radiological work gained in more than twenty years of private practice, and like most of the officers of the Medical Corps he made a real sacrifice in offering his services to the Medical Department of the army.

One of the first expansion projects in his department was put into being soon after Colonel Bogart reported here for duty. It in-

involved making a chest X-ray of every man going overseas to the Pacific battle fronts and when the movements of troops was heavy the colonel and his staff were at their posts night and day. More recently the released American military personnel, who have been coming in by the thousands, were given a complete X-ray examination, and again the staff under Col. Bogart put in many extra hours on that assignment. It was a prodigious program and timed to keep pace with a fast moving overall medical examination. The colonel kept the pace.

Colonel Bogart will return to his native city of Chattanooga, Tenn., and take up again the wide practice he had prior to donning the uniform in Uncle Sam's army. He will take back there the best wishes of all who have known him during these three years at Letterman, and if any of us ever happen to be in the vicinity of that city a call on "Bo" will be a "must."

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

We feel highly honored this week to be the first to announce the wedding of one of the members of the Enlisted Duty Section. **Frances Hughes** was married last week in Reno, Nevada to David Clark. Frances really surprised everyone. We all give a toast to the bride and groom who will be at home to their friends in San Francisco after their return.

Among the group of lucky gals in the "Returning Husband Dept." are **Dorothy Cummins** from Rec & Evac who has returned to Pittsburgh, Pa. Also **Cleo Elliott** from the Outpatient Branch. **Irene Lang** from the Motor Pool wended her way homeward and **Joan Lord** formerly of the Information Office has returned to her housewifely duties. **Naomi McLaughlin** in the Library is a victim of the jitters to which all service wives are subject while waiting. She plans to go home to Pittsburgh, Pa., as soon as he arrives. **Lee Mohler** of the Sick and Wounded Office is undoubtedly having a wonderful whirl in New York at this very moment with her husband. **Ina Varney** has found a lovely little home in Kentfield for her returning service man who has been in Alaska for many months.

We want all the civilians to know that we're ordering more of the Letterman Insignia Pins. So if you don't get one, just call 2462 and we'll put your name on the list.

One more reminder about blood donations. The Lab has been calling upon many of the volunteers registered with them. Dash over to L-2 if you haven't done so already. They're all very nice people over there and would appreciate very much having you as a donor.

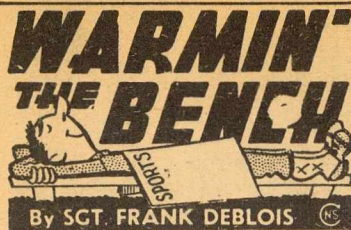
Frances Divelbiss of the Dental Branch has left us for a while to join her Navy husband in Pueblo, Colo.

There is a special occasion next week which none of us want to forget. In fact, we have written a poem about it:

On October Thirty-first

**Witches, goblins, do their worst,
Pumpkins into faces turn,
Little candles in them burn.**

And we promise never to do it again.



The Summing Up

Most valuable players in the big leagues during the late lamented baseball season, according to the Sporting News, were Tommy Holmes, of the Boston Braves, and Eddie Mayo, of the Detroit Tigers . . . Holmes was home run king in both leagues with a modest 28, and Mayo, a little tse tse fly on second base, sparked the Tigers to their first pennant since 1940, their first world championship since 1935 . . . Top pitchers in the Sporting News poll were Hal Newhouser, majors' top winner (25 games), strikeout king (211 fanned) and Tigers' world series hero with 2 won, 1 lost against Cubs, and Hank Borowy who won 10, lost 5 for Yankees, then took 11, lost 2, plus 2 world series victories for the Cubs . . . Other hot pitchers were Boo Ferriss (won 21, lost 10), Red Sox, year's top rookie; Roger Wolff (won 20, lost 10), Washington; Red Barrett (won 23, lost 12), Cardinals; Hank Wyse (won 22, lost 10), Cubs . . . George Stirnweiss, Yankees, won AL batting championship with .309, second lowest in history for champ, also led league in hits, runs, stolen bases . . . Phil Cavarretta, Cubs, was NL champ with .352 . . . AL All-American would field Newhouser, Ferriss, Wolff, pitchers; Hayes, Cleveland, catcher; Etten, Yanks, first base; Stirnweiss, second; Boudreau, Cleveland, shortstop; Stephens, Browns, third base; Outfield: Lazor and McBride, Boston, and Heath, Cleveland . . . NL top performers: Barrett, Borowy and Wyse, pitchers; Lombardi, Giants, catcher; Cavarretta, first; Stanky, Brooklyn, second; Marion, Cards, short; Hack, Cubs, third; Outfield: Holmes; Pafko, Cubs; Adams, Cards . . . Brooklyn outfield (Walker, Rosen, Olmo) best offensive line in majors, batted .313, knocked in 303 runs, scored 290 more . . . NL had 4 standout slugging third basemen: Hack, Kurowski, Cards; Elliot, Pittsburgh and Galan, Brooklyn.

MORE ABOUT HIGH OFFICIALS

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and its contribution to their comfort while at Letterman. Mr. Lockheed graciously replied that his company considered it a privilege to have the opportunity to help make these first days back in the homeland something for the patients to remember.

Protection for Vets In Farm Deals Asked

Washington (CNS) — Veterans who plan to buy farms must be given protection against a future full of insecurities concerning land values, Associate Farm Security Administrator R. W. Huggins believes. He said that without protection against a price drop, few veterans would get farms through aid of the GI Bill of Rights, and suggested to a Senate Finance subcommittee that the Secretary of Agriculture should be allowed to adjust the veterans' loans after 10 years to the agricultural history of that 10 years.



Atom Plants Turn Out 6 Lbs Uranium a Day

Copenhagen, Denmark (CNS) — All those elaborate installations associated with atomic bomb production turn out 6.61 lbs of uranium a day, Niels Bohr, eminent Danish scientist who was smuggled out of his country during the war to aid in atomic research, declared.

This should give you an idea of the problem of manufacturing the deadly explosive.

Navy Promotes Officers

Washington (CNS) — Large-scale promotion of reserve naval officers to make remaining in the service more attractive is being undertaken by the Navy, Secretary Forrestal announced. More than 65,500 are eligible for hikes in pay.

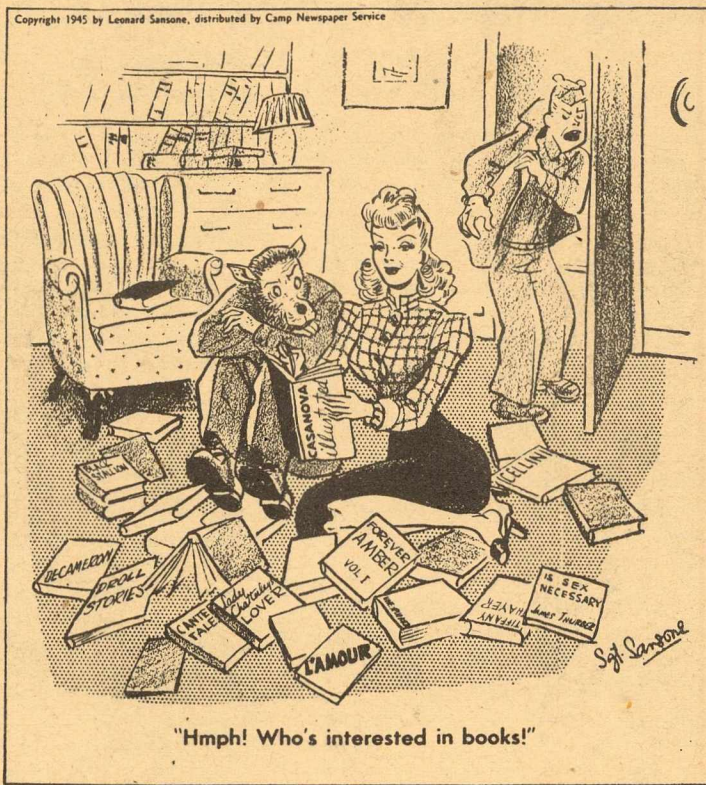
Wives Want Out

London (CNS) — Thousands of wives of American servicemen have been besieging the American Embassy demanding transportation to the U. S. Official explanations of the shipping shortage failed to satisfy them. Many of the women have been separated from their husbands who have been shipped home, whether they wanted to go or not. Some 40,000 British wives are waiting to join their American husbands.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Hmph! Who's interested in books!"

News From Home

Bethlehem, Pa (CNS) — John Weber, who doesn't like his brother, has been ordered by a court to pay the latter \$1750 for biting his left thumb off at the second joint in a fraternal fracas several months ago.

Chicago (CNS) — Because they're too hot to handle, wartime racketeers here are peddling \$1000 bills for \$800. The big folding stuff was acquired in black market operations, officials said.

Detroit (CNS)—Esther Schlum, 19, has an easily aroused boy friend. When she parked his car overlong while shopping, he cut off all her lovely blonde curls with a hedge shears. Now she's suing him.

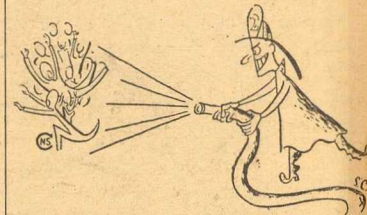
Oklahoma City (CNS)—When police spotted a naked woman walking the streets of this city, they arrested her and vainly tried to clothe her in her cell. She refused, but after spending the night seated on the radiator grilling she changed her mind and asked for some clothes—and a pillow.

Philadelphia (CNS) — James Mason, a hod carrier who helped build Philadelphia Central High School in 1894, has enrolled in it—at the age of 75.

San Francisco (CNS)—Herbert Wong awoke so suddenly when a piece of plaster fell from the ceiling of his bedroom and dented in his nose that he leaped from his bed through a window and fell 50 feet to the sidewalk below. "Wow," said Wong to the city ambulance driver, "what a nightmare that was!"

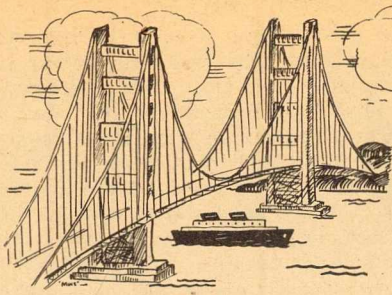
Salt Lake City (CNS) — Burglars entered the home of Mrs Grace Irvine, stole her silverware and a portable radio, then took a bath and left. "At least," said Mrs Irvine, "they left the ring in the bathtub."

Frostburg, Md (CNS) — Irked by kibitzers in a crowd watching them extinguish a blaze, this town's firemen quelled all re-



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marks from the spectators by turning the hose on them. Result: 40 drenched onlookers, one injured fireman (he was hit by a rock).



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General Bliss And High Ranking Party Visit Letterman

Stopping off at San Francisco for a brief visit this week while en route to the Pacific bases and the Orient were Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General of the Army, Brigadier General William C. Menninger, Consultant in Psychiatry to the Surgeon General and Dr. Eli Ginsberg, Director of Resources and Analysis Division of the office of the Surgeon General.

While en route from Washington advice was received that General Bliss had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding performance of duty as Assistant Surgeon General from 29 June 1943 to 31 August 1945 and on the arrival of the plane carrying the distinguished officers at Hamilton Field a brief ceremony was held in which the ribbon in lieu of the medal was pinned on the blouse of General Bliss by Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commanding General of the American Forces in China and Burma. Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, commanding general at Letterman was present at Hamilton Field to greet General Bliss and witness the ceremony.

General Bliss and his party called at Letterman on Tuesday afternoon and made an informal inspection of the debarkation unit at Crissy Field and other activities at the main hospital and that same evening all left Hamilton Field for the flight across the Pacific.

The itinerary calls for stops at Honolulu, Kwajalein, Guam, Tokyo, Shanghai and Manila where inspections of existing hospital facilities will be made and studies taken of the future needs of the occupation forces in the matter of care for the sick and injured.



Brigadier General RAYMOND W. BLISS
Assistant Surgeon General of the Army who was a Letterman visitor this week en route to the Orient.

GENERAL VACHON RECEIVES DSM

For his "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the government in a duty of great responsibility" Brigadier General Joseph F. Vachon was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal Tuesday morning by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman in a simple ceremony in the general's office.

As commanding officer of the 101st Division, Philippine Army,

General Vachon was cited as having ably supervised the rapid concentration of his troops on Mindanao, at the beginning of the war, to meet enemy invading forces.

Reported missing after the fall of the Philippines in May 1942, General Vachon was held captive in Manchuria prison and liberated in May of this year. He has been a patient at Letterman since September 18.

Letterman Reverts To Status of General Hospital

Since the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific there has been a steady flow of the sick and the wounded from that area and the job of getting back the war wounded has been completed in less time than the original estimate of 90 days set by the Surgeon General of the Army. At the end of October all of the hospitals overseas were practically cleared of war casualties.

As a result of this fast work Letterman will revert to a general hospital for definitive treatment much earlier than was anticipated, and effective 1 November this hospital has been designated as a center for the treatment of neurological patients, neuro-surgical patients, orthopedic patients, neuro-psychiatric patients and those requiring ophthalmic surgery. Patients in the above categories, may be expected to arrive in the near future by transfer from hospitals in the Ninth Service Command which are to suspend activities.

Letterman will continue to function as a debarkation hospital for patients coming in from overseas in the occupation forces and Crissy Annex has been designated as the Debarkation Unit for that purpose. It will be a self-contained entity under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., Chief of the Receiving and Evacuation branch, who will be the Assistant Executive Officer for administrative purposes, assisted by the necessary professional and administrative personnel.

Approximately 3000 beds will be made available for patients under the new set-up.

The Passing Parade--Outward Bound to Civilian Life

The officer in charge of the Separation Point at Letterman has not yet gotten around to adopting the slogan "Thru these portals pass the most beautiful women in the world" but there is no doubt that we are losing a lot of glamor at that same Separation Point. And what would any army hospital be without the

arated from the service on her own request and became eligible to leave us when the policy of freeing the married nurses was adopted. The captain is not going too far away for her civilian home and her friends will find her living in the Marina where she has located a very attractive apartment. Our reporter inquired as to the technique of finding a vacant apartment in that section of the city and got this reply.

"I was in one of those booths in a beauty parlor and overheard two women nearby discussing their fu-

Milne Bay. As the forces moved along the New Guinea coast the 37th kept pace but in November 1944 the lieutenant was returned to the mainland as a patient. The other lieutenant in that family—1st Lieut. Arthur Bock, MAC.,—is still over in Germany and holding the thought of getting home by Christmas! The young lady is holding the same thought but is just about to take active steps to have his home coming expedited if some one will tell her how that is done.

Still another Letterman veteran with a pile of points has applied for release on that ground but is also contemplating matrimony, although no formal announcement has been made to that effect, unless one considers the wearing of a solitaire on the proper finger of the left hand equivalent to an announcement. What are we saying?

more recently in the Outpatient Clinic where one of her confreres was Lieut. Bock. Could be that the enthusiasm of the latter for the married state might have induced Lt. Burnett to consider it as something worth while and give up the idea of staying with the army as a career. That wedding? Well, the tentative date is sometime in late November and the locale is the Mission Church at famed Carmel. Who could ask for more?

The last of the quartette being featured in this issue as emerging from the army through the Separation Point is 2nd Lieutenant Dorothy F. Fraher, who joined us only two weeks ago. Really hoped to enjoy the sunshine of California but romance stepped—and fast.

Lieut. Fraher is a native of Lynn, Mass., and joined the army in May of this year at Fort Devens. The boy in her life was overseas with the army in Europe and she hoped the exigencies of the service would land her somewhere near him. As so often happens, she was sent in the opposite direction and her destination was thought to be Okinawa or Tokyo when she boarded a



ALICE L. DAMONTE
Captain, ANC

glamor of the members of the Army Nurse Corps.

There has been what amounts to a steady stream of the young female officers passing in review before the desk of Lieut. Rogers M. Cox for the final O. K. on their applications for release from active duty. Some who are leaving have been with us a long time and could be listed among the "oldest inhabitants" while others have not been with us so long but have impressed their personalities on the command to such a degree that they seem to have been here always. And just to vary the routine even a mere newcomer manages to get in her "au revoir."

Heading the recent departures was Captain Alice L. Damonte, ANC., who spent all of her extended active duty as a reserve nurse right here at Letterman. She joined station on March 20, 1942 and was assigned to the operating room. The next step up in grade came when she was promoted to first lieutenant on 14 April 1944 and assistant in charge. Soon after she became supervisor in charge of surgery she was promoted to captain, and if you want the date it was 28 May 1945. Captain Damonte is being sep-



LOIS R. BOCK
1st Lieut., ANC

ture plans. One was the wife of a Navy officer and expected her husband to return in the near future. They planned to go east at once and expected to have no trouble in disposing of the lease on their apartment. I did not know who she was but the beauty operator was a friend of mine and learned the name and address of that coming vacancy. The rest was simple." This is passed on as another way to find apartments that are practically nonexistent.

Another of our nurses who is using the marriage bond as a vehicle to be cut loose from military bonds is 1st Lieutenant Lois R. Bock, who came to us from overseas via Schick General Hospital in February of this year. She was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps at Camp McCoy in July 1943 as Lois Ruseling and left there a few months later as Lois R. Bock en route to the southwest Pacific. Her unit was the 37th Field Hospital and started at



REGINA BURNETT
1st Lieut., ANC

1st Lieut. Regina Burnett came to Letterman in October 1942 and prior to that she rode the "Overland Limited" of the Southern Pacific for three years as one of the corps of stewardess-nurses on the run between Chicago and San Francisco. The lieutenant remained at this hospital until assigned to the 82nd General Hospital and overseas in February 1944, and was stationed in England for the ensuing 16 months. Illness brought about her return to this side of the Atlantic and a period of convalescence at Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys, Calif.

Since rejoining us Lieut. Burnett has been on duty on Ward A-1 and



DOROTHY F. FRAHER
2nd Lieut., ANC

transport at New Orleans in, September of this year. The first stop was in Panama where the ship remained for three weeks to make necessary repairs to the engines. The ship sailed from Panama, still enroute to Okinawa, but more trouble and the next stop was Panama.

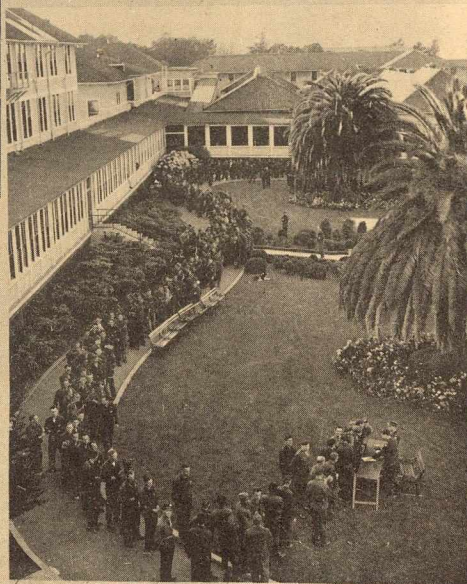
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What The Camera Caught at Letterman This Week

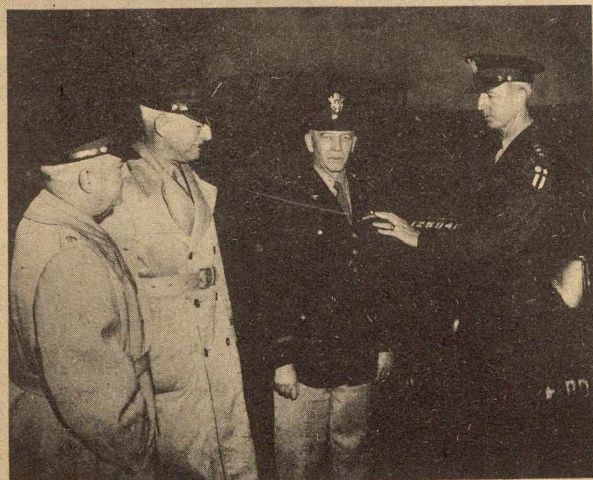


HIS WIFE CONGRATULATES
Chaplain Charles P. Cowherd on
the award of the Silver Star for
gallantry in action.

THE LONG PAY LINE
With Lieut. George D. Dowling,
Letterman paymaster, putting out
more than a million dollars in pay
this month to Letterman patients.

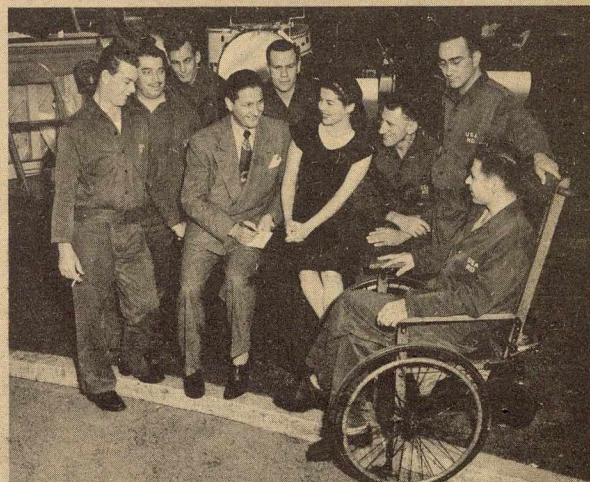


FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Brigadier General Raymond W.
Bliss receives the Distinguished
Service ribbon from Lieutenant
General Albert C. Wedemeyer on
arrival at Hamilton Field while
Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman looks on.



THE MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO
Hon. Roger D. Lapham (Left) is
one of thousands to visit the Hos-
pital Unit Car on exhibition at the
Southern Pacific depot.

WELL KNOWN BAND LEADER
Lawrence Welk, San Francisco
favorite, relaxes with patients af-
ter his concert in the patio.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BACK TO WORK

With the resumption of its status as a hospital for definitive treatment Letterman and the professional staff will go back to work. Back to the practice of the art of healing the sick and the maimed.

For the past three years Letterman has served as the major debarkation hospital for the casualties from the Pacific battle fronts, and in that time many thousands have passed through our portals. The only treatment possible under that function was just enough to permit the transfer of patients to inland hospitals with a maximum of comfort.

There was a certain satisfaction in the privilege of being the first in the homeland to receive our sick and wounded veterans. Ours was the opportunity to express the appreciation of a grateful republic for its fighting men and nothing was left undone to make their first days here a very pleasant memory.

In becoming again a general hospital it means that we can do just as much for the individual patient in the early days and continue his care until he is a well man once more. We can watch his progress toward complete restoration to health and enjoy with him the satisfaction of a job well done.

It will now be our assignment to finish the job; an assignment that is pleasing to professional as well as non-professional but necessary person-

THE OBSERVER SAW

A new assault on the Separation Point by men who have amassed enough to get out this month. And T/Sgt. Ernie Brensel in the lead.

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Captain Alice Curto reporting that 96 nurses from the Letterman staff have been released from active duty with the ANC to date.

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Major Cleo E. Rumsey off on a bargain hunt in the Salinas Valley.

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S/Sgt. Charles Wilcox counting up his "points." Sure he has enough to go back to Fresno.

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The Army "Y" about to get a face lifting.

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Sgt. Jeanne Riha trying out the "off duty" dress—and with good results—she says.

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Lieut. Lillian M. Matthews emerging from the Wac compound for her weekly look at the outside world.

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Major Willard S. Calden back from the wars, in to see us, and out of the Army almost in one motion.

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Mrs. Stella Jackson having a birthday party and everythin'.

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And the sun out again.

New Mail Box

Through the co-operation of Postmaster William H. McCarthy, of San Francisco, a new mail box has been installed on the front porch of the administration building from which there will be a direct "pick up" of mail by the Postal Service four times daily and afternoon "pick up" on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

The last despatch from the Letterman sub-station is at 1430 on week days, 1130 on Saturdays and no despatch on Sundays.

nel on the staff. We are all very happy at the prospect of going back to work.



By Jeanne Riha

As the former Panama tourists settled down to work in Letterman wards this week, another group of LGH nurses, many of them overseas vets, packed their suitcases tight full of Army souvenirs, took a last look at the bay shimmering under the Golden Gate bridge, and walked out of the gates of the Presidio into civilian life.

Discharged were Capt. Alice L. W. Damonte; 1st Lts. Lorena M. Campbell, Ruth A. R. Edwards, Norma Hamilton, Helen Horoschak, Marie M. Martin, Jane E. Quigley, Joan Reidy, Ernestine J. Scott, Lydia H. Tindell, Madeline A. Tolman.

Beatrice E. Tracey, Muriel F. Walker, Dorcas E. Easterling, Elsie L. Klinker, Sheila O'Leary, Beverly L. White, Florence S. Kelvasa, Dorothy M. Gioielli.

Eloise Ennis, Junitta Gibbs, Katherine F. Forrestall, Mary A. Power, Thelma G. Randall, Olga Dorosh, Kathryn L. Kurka, Nelia C. Shields, MaBelle L. Porter, Dorothy B. Conner, Lillian K. Scranton, Margaret V. Spratt and Elizabeth M. T. Rucinski.

Second Lieutenants discharged were Jean Cohen, Irene M. Couse, Betty Smith, Edna L. Young, Cornelia H. Rochelle, Fern M. Schade, Mary W. Maynard and Katherine M. Walker.

Also getting ready to be discharged from the Army this week and head back home to Massachusetts to both civilian and married life was 2nd Lt. Dorothy F. Fraher—or Fleming, since last Saturday. Lt. Fleming was married to a former Army man who came to the Golden Gate city when his fiancée wrote from Panama that she was to be stationed here. He was here a week before she arrived.

Lt. Fleming wore her dark green off-duty dress with white orchids for the ceremony and was attended by Lt. Florence Hayes. The two nurses have been friends since childhood and together throughout their Army career.

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"It was an experience I'll never forget. You can quote me," said 1st Lt. Adelaide Ramsey, who was one of the speakers Monday morning at a victory bond rally at which Gen-

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, November 4, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Silver Star

Chaplain (Captain) Charles P. Cowherd, the newest chaplain to join Letterman's staff, had another decoration added to his collection Thursday morning when Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman presented him with the coveted Silver Star medal at a group ceremony in the general's office.

The chaplain, who came here in mid-October from an overseas assignment, also holds the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster, awarded to him for wounds received with the Seventh Army in Alsace-Lorraine.

The citation accompanying the award, made for gallantry in action against the enemy January 14, 1945, in France, read:

"In response to an emergency call for litter bearers, Chaplain Cowherd, with complete disregard for his own safety, led a three-man litter team forward through intense enemy fire to the wounded men. He then personally assisted in the carrying of the litters and as a result the wounded were quickly evacuated.

"The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Chaplain Cowherd reflects high credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States."

A former resident of Columbia, S. C., Chaplain Cowherd was commissioned a second lieutenant in the chaplains' corps in 1934. He reported for duty with the 30th Infantry Division in October 1941 and spent 11 months in Iceland. In July 1943 he went to England, was there a year and asked for—and received—combat duty.

eral Hillman swore in representatives of 10,000 retail sales people as a Retailers' Victory Bond Army.

WAC OF THE WEEK



EMMA REYNOLDS
Private First Class

There's many a Wac who has managed to squeeze into her reveille-to-taps day an hour or so of studying or even a USAFI course but few can equal the record of Emma F. Reynolds who has finished two college courses and almost a third in nine months.

When she joined the Army in December, 1942, Emma lacked 25 credit hours of getting her degree in music from the University of Tennessee, her home state—and also the nickname given her by her band comrades.

The university promised the LGH Wac 14 credits in physical education and practice teaching in recognition of her Army activities; the rest she had to earn by study. In nine months, by doing a lesson a night for nights at a stretch, she has ploughed through courses in psychology and Latin-American history and will soon complete sociology.

"I manage to take San Francisco in though," she grinned. "don't let studying interfere with my social life."

When she gets out of the Army, which Emma thinks will be late this year or early next year, she will have the 24 credits necessary for graduation and expects to get back to Tennessee in time to get her diploma at regular semi-annual commencement ceremonies. She is planning to take advantage of the GI bill of rights for her master's degree.

In civilian days Emma led about as active a life as she does now; for three and a half years she taught music in a Tennessee grade school during the school term and went to college in the summer.

A clarinet player since high school days, Emma has been with the band since its organization at Fort Des Moines; like most of the band members, she refers to her biggest thrill as playing before F. D. Roosevelt.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN LIFE SAVING
MADE BY ENLISTED MEN IN SERVICE

Down in the laboratories and up in the planes, top sergeants and buck privates accomplished a thousand "impossibles that cut casualties and sped up victory," declares an article in the November issue of CORONET magazine. They tried and failed and tried again and some died during grueling tests to prove a new piece of equipment that they helped father into existence. Others perfected new weapons and gadgets and took them into combat to make sure they worked effectively.

At Wright Field—nerve center of air power—in one laboratory alone there were more than seventy enlisted men engaged in engineering research. Of these, forty held engineering degrees (including five master) from the finest universities and colleges in the nation. A senator's son worked on aircraft structures; a former president of a big plastics concern helped perfect a new laminate for all-glass airplanes; an India-born private, Phil Nazir, was a gadgeteer for the wind tunnels. There were scores of other men of all ranks, who helped make the airplane a safer, more efficient fighting machine.

When the first B-29 came out of the Bell plant at Marietta, Georgia, something went wrong with the brakes; it wouldn't taxi properly. Plant engineers couldn't find the trouble. The Superfortress was stubborn. They sent for the sergeant, who knew his B-291 as well as he knew his 1-2-3s and he soon spotted the malfunction—a busted wheel diaphragm—fixed it, and had the plane rolling. The sergeant was Jim Graham, 30, married, and an Air Force veteran for over twenty years. He's the guy who installed the first booster pump systems in the B-17s which lifted their operational ceiling by at least two miles. His idea for a new means of cooling the powerful engines helped turn a fair

engine into a good one. "It was just enough of an idea," Graham says modestly, "to set the smart boys to work on it." It was just enough of an idea to make the big engines one hundred per cent more efficient.

Milton H. Joffe, a private first class, and Matthew E. Keller, a technical sergeant, were responsible for advancing the pressurized cabin which enabled men to live and breathe at high altitudes, and for the Anti-G Suit which fliers wore to prevent blacking out in turns and dive pull-outs. A big research center is hardly where you'd look for a sculptor, but Sergeant Robert Charles Koepnick is one of the best. His nimble fingers helped mold the shape of the oxygen mask which all our pilots wear in comfort and safety. The wooden heads which he carved to exacting dimensions are the manikins that dictate the size and shape of every helmet design.

In the same laboratory, Private Mortimer M. Marks, former owner-treasurer of the Marks Polarized Products Corporation of New York, was engaged in experiments with a new plastic lens for pilot's sun glasses. In his many tests, he found a new plastic combination that keeps out the sun's infra-red rays. Reuben Raskin, a private first class, had eight years of refrigeration engineering in civilian life. That made it quite simple for him to develop a knockdown portable by air-refrigerator which could fit into a C-47 transport plane. He made it possible for soldiers on a beachhead to get fresh meats quickly.

We gave them millions of dollars and limitless facilities to carry on their experiments, and in turn they paid off with gadgets that saved men's lives. Theirs was the "know-how" that helped perfect the B-29s, jet-propelled fighter, radar, and even the devastating atomic bomb, concludes CORONET.

New Britain, Conn (CNS) — Louis Frink, operator of a gas station here, kissed a quarter goodbye when Arthur Moynihan, of New York, drove away without paying. Two weeks later Moynihan sent Frink a dollar from New York, apologizing for his oversight. Grateful Frink, an honest man, promptly mailed back 75 cents. The charge, he said, was a quarter.

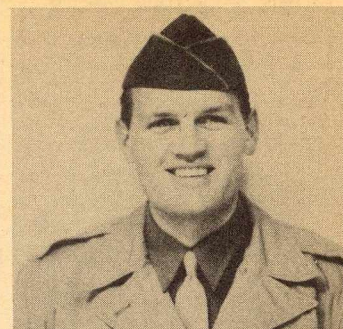
New London, Conn (CNS) — Firechief William Donahue has been arrested as a fire-bug. Held for starting 3 fires, he said he did it "to keep the boys busy."

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances on Saturday, November 3 at 9 p.m., and Saturday, November 17 at 9 p.m., which are to be held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguella Boulevard. Junior hostesses will welcome you.

ON THE SPOT



HUGH ASHLEY
Sergeant

One man around these parts who is always in the "Spot Light" is Sergeant Hugh Ashley, assistant to the Special Services Officer, and a very valuable asset to the command.

Sgt. Ashley's duties are closely connected with the theatrical folk who volunteer their talents for the entertainment of the patients, and no one "on the stage" is in his element unless there is a spotlight somewhere in the offing.

It was March 1943 when Ashley joined this command for his first station as a soldier and he has been with us ever since. He was first with the old E. & R. division, and later when the Army blossomed out with so many fancy varieties of "What to do for the soldiers" he moved over to Special Services and is one man who can be found where he is supposed to be on his job. Not long ago he went off to the Special Services School and returned with his old enthusiasm revived and plenty of new ideas.

Ashley had a musical background before joining up for the duration plus and was well known around that portion of Hollywood where the Hill-billy and Cowboy songsters gathered. He made a specialty of arranging songs for trios and quartettes for use on the radio and he also managed to write and publish several songs which were accepted with acclaim by his audiences.

As the "front" man for Letterman when the celebrities in the musical world visit here, Ashley fills a very important role and puts our visitors at ease because he speaks their language. As the man behind the programs produced here he is most valuable to us.

He is what we call "essential."

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "Little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted personnel have been transferred to the Letterman Separation center: T/3rd Gr. Joseph G. Racz, Sgt. Ray O. Kooser, Cpl. Theodore Battista, Pvts. John L. Cordell, Salvator J. Maranto, James C. Allen, George Ebner, Vercyl G. Sherbino, Willie G. Spears, William A. Zethner, Leonard Sadler, Robert J. Kotalik, George L. Smith, Margarito C. Robles, Victor E. Deyo, George E. Glass, Frank Sloper and William K. Engle.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Pvts. James N. Sexton, Alfred L. Slosberg and Fred Whitt appointed Corporals.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. David C. Taber now running the bull gang after spending the last two years as wardmaster on C-1.

S/Sgt. Edward C. Vicary getting thinner these days as his pocketbook is slowly going towards the fourth million at the local track.

M/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans saying very little about his recent trip to Bay Meadows.

One of Letterman's eligible bachelors slowly giving into one of the local Wacs.

T/4th Gr. Albert V. Glenn and Louis H. Fasel trying their darndest to take the bid away from M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz in the noon day pinochle session but so far their luck is against them.

M/Sgt. Ernest E. Aleen once again picking up his name plate and moving from the administration building and betting that he will be back in this building within six months.

T/3rd Gr. Edward Chilgren, the pill puncher always ready to give a talk on the fine points of his pill punching machine.

Springfield, Ill (CNS) — Thieves are making some curious thefts in Illinois. Recently, a man broke into a Springfield tavern, made a cagy get-away with 7 cases of empty beer bottles. A day later, someone stole a 300-pound stone lion from a library in Evanston.

LETTERMAN LISTENING POST HAS A MOST ATTRACTIVE LISTENER



Mrs. BETTY L. McPHETRIDGE

Who knows that men also have a habit of changing their minds from her position on the "Change in Orders" desk of the Receiving and Evacuation section.

The philosopher who came up with the pronouncement that life is nothing but a succession of changes would get confirmation from the young lady who looks after the mechanics of changes in evacuation orders in our command. Mrs. Betty L. McPhetridge has been in the Receiving and Evacuation section for the past year, which should make her some kind of authority on the processes of getting overseas patients in and out of Letterman.

Betty came to us from the Presidio side of the fence where she was with the Quartermaster and later with the Civil Affairs Division. She was the understudy for Mrs. Donna Cannon—top flight lady in the office—and took over her desk on occasions when Mrs. Cannon was otherwise occupied. Betty also learned the intricacies of the "Change" desk normally managed by Mrs. Patricia Moyles. And that explains why she is such a handy person to have around the office. At the moment "Pat" Moyles is on an extended va-

cation yet her substitute grinds out the changes without confusion.

The "Mrs." was conferred on Betty by Robert F. McPhetridge, who is with the Coast Guard at Government Island, Alameda. According to the latest computation he has a fraction above 39 points for discharge and maybe when the next reduction is decided on he will be eligible to return to the southland. Just now they are thinking it will be Monrovia or Arcadia although Betty was born in Glendora and went through school there.

At her station on the "Change" desk Betty is a very patient listener. When Pvt. Doakes is ordered to Tuscaloosa by hospital train and gets the notion he would like a 10 day delay en route to visit his favorite grandmother in Ashtabula he likes to tell some one why that particular grandmother is his favorite—and Betty listens.

The world needs more listeners like Betty, and we like her because she even listens to us.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

This week we'd like to present an Honor Roll with the names of all the Civilian Volunteer Blood Donors. They receive the sincerest and highest praise from the members of the Laboratory Branch, the patients whom they have helped and all the personnel, both civilian and military, assigned here. The Laundry is exceedingly well represented, as they always are in our local activities. The donors from there are Paul A. Bartells, Edith Meyers, Josephine Gioccarini, Ella Mae McKee, Sarah Yankel, Noreen Bergstrom, Hazel Yeoman and Lolita Bechtold. Betty Ann Strunk from Special Services was also a donor. Three gals from Rec & Evac were on the list, Juanita Wall, Winifred Brown and Josephine Valletta. Walter Graham, who works at S-1, came through when he was needed. From Ward O-1 there were John A. Webster and Mary Kirkland. Helen Pollack of Medical Supply volunteered. The Laboratory's own donor was La Verne Leake. Fran Divelbiss from the Dental Branch was among the very first to be called. And Pat Wilson dashed down just the other day to do her bit. The mere mention of volunteer blood donations brings a proud glow to Captain Lustbader's face. And, without much pressure, he'll give you a list of the names. It includes Bunnah Shaw, Ann Kuhn, Frances Ahrens and Alice Davis. A good group! Warren Conlin set the pace for the Civ Pers Br. He spent the afternoon profusely praising the functions of the Lab and the smoothness with which the whole thing was carried out. He plans to go down once a week at least just for the fun of going through the routine, which shows an excellent spirit if nothing else.

We hesitate making any comment on the weather, it's been so erratic of late. But whatever your plans for the week-end, have a good time and bring your umbrella just in case!

Hides Wife Under Bunk

Boston (CNS)—A GI who could not procure transportation to bring his English wife back to the States, solved the problem by hiding her under his bunk. Although a stowaway, the girl, Donesse Kuhn, will be permitted to remain under a temporary visa. The couple will honeymoon in Canada so that the girl can re-enter the States legally.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Eager and excited, a WDC signal corpsmen phoned S/Sgt. Marilyn E. Cloutier, band member, after midnight one night this week to relay to her a message from her husband in Australia. Through his short wave set, the soldier had picked up Brisbane and spoke to Marilyn's husband.

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After the most exciting three-day pass of her Army career T/5th Gr. Georgia Martin (formerly Houser) was back in the barracks this week. Georgia, who received her ring several weeks ago, was married in Reno to a member of the Western Defense Command; she expects to be released from service next month after her husband is discharged.

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Sgt. Genevieve Leonard, WAC detachment member who has been a patient in the hospital since June with one short period of active duty, is being visited this week by her mother; her brother and sister, also visiting her for a while, left last week.

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She went around her tasks as usual this week but just a little way beyond reality were Florence Love's daydreams of her new home, completely furnished and waiting for her in San Leandro. Florence will be married Tuesday in San Jose to an ex-serviceman and, upon receiving her discharge, they will move into the home which they have been planning for and furnishing the last few months.

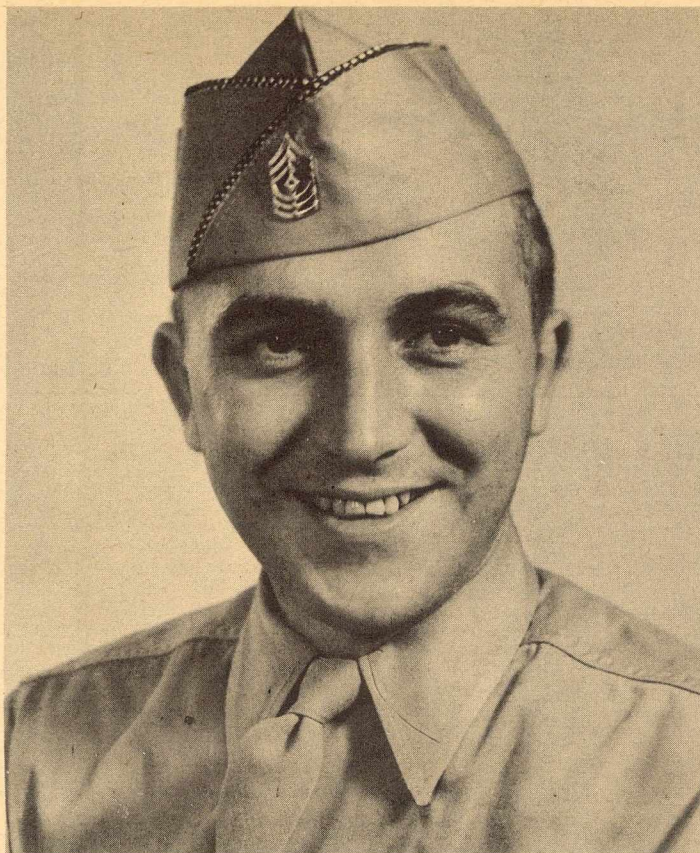
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On furlough—Pvt. Pauline H. Harvell; T/5th Grs. Anna Mae Andrae, Carolyn W. Powers, Margaret M. Frederick, Betty J. Hale, Leatris D. Lamascus, Stella Messer, Lillian F. Olsen, Margaret J. Elam, Ethel L. Anderson and Florence B. Demme; T/3rd Gr. Agnes Zouhar.

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With Ramp loads tapering off quickly, Wacs were being transferred back from Crissy Annex to the main hospital this week; a few persons remained at the annex to work in what is destined to be the receiving and evacuation section of the hospital.

LETTERMAN OLD TIMER BACK FROM JAP PRISON CAMPS LOOKS US OVER



1st Sergeant VIRGIL MAYE, Med. Dept.
Former Lettermanite recently returned from a three year sojourn in Japanese prison camps.

With four years' overseas and internment experiences piled high behind him, 1st Sgt. Virgil Maye came back to Letterman last week to visit friends whom he had known and worked with before leaving here for Philippine service in August, 1941.

The youthful Regular Army man, a soldier since October, 1937, returned from his tour of the hospital with exclamations of amazement.

"They've got the old buildings but it's a new hospital," said the former surgical technician and wardmaster. "They've got an operating room down there that's tops; it's the finest I've seen in the west. And they've got the best X-ray clinic west of the Mississippi."

Sgt. Maye, whose favorite phase of medical work is surgery, was surgical technician in the operating room in the days when 20 operations were average for a day; later he was wardmaster, simultaneously, for wards B-1, B-2 C-2 and E-2.

Making rounds of the wards and

offices, Sgt. Maye found about 30 "old-timers," although few even of these still held the same rank or the same job.

After being taken prisoner on Bataan in April, 1942 and interned there several months, the ex-Letterman sergeant went to Camp O'Donnell where he helped set up and run a hospital; he administered the sick and wounded section.

"We were able to drop the death rate from some 30 a day to one every fourth or fifth day, 30 days after the hospital opened," Sgt. Maye quietly summed up the day and night efforts of the American soldier-internees.

In January, 1943 the hospital closed, the staff divided, and Sgt. Maye went to Cabanatuan where he was in charge of the enlisted men working in the dispensary. Daily sick call for the hospital drew an average of 600 patients, the sergeant disclosed.

In March, 1944 he was sent on a medical detail to Japan, kept there

The Stork Was Here

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Elmer C. Hoffman, a son, **Elmer Charles**, weight 6 pounds and 5 ounces, born 23 October.

To Major and Mrs. Vernon R. Rider, a daughter, **Suzanne**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 23 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Earl O. Olson, a daughter, **Judith Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 24 October.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Everett W. Berry, a daughter, **Judith Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces, born 24 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Warren J. Glass, a son, **Warren Vance**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 26 October.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. John R. Reed, a daughter, **Barbara Wynne**, weight 4 pounds and 8 ounces, born 26 October.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Lee Wilder, a son, **Gary Lee**, weight 5 pounds and 8 ounces, born 26 October.

To Major and Mrs. Chester Moore, a son, **John Calvin**, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 26 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Harold W. Leese, a daughter, **Susan Mildred**, weight 6 pounds, born 26 October.

To WO and Mrs. Carol R. Lewis, a son, **John Wayne**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 27 October.

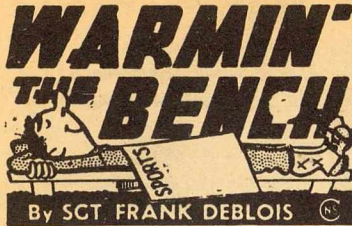
To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Stewart H. Spencer, a daughter, **Sandra**, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces, born 27 October.

To Major and Mrs. Jack Garrett, a son, **John Gregory**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, born 27 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Reuben A. Martinez, a daughter, **Patricia Lynn**, weight 8 pounds and 5 ounces, born 28 October.

until last May when American bombing necessitated a camp break-up and moved to a steel mill where he worked until liberation early in September.

Sgt. Maye's parents were among those who waited at San Francisco while their son docked at Seattle and who were subsequently flown there for reunion. After visiting around San Francisco for several days, Sgt. Maye was planning to go home with his parents to Mecca; he is going to spend part of his lengthy furlough at home and part traveling east before returning to duty as a reenlistee.



Blue Plate Special

FIGHT FRONT: B/Gen John Reed Kilpatrick, president of Madison Square Garden, says that returning servicemen are going to provide the impetus for a tremendous boom in sports. Boxing in particular, says the general, will profit . . . Joe Louis and Billy Conn have signed for their return match sometime next June. Conn balked at signing without a warmup bout, but Mike Jacobs fast-talked him into it . . . Beau Jack, the Georgia jumping jack, has returned from the wars and issued a blanket challenge to every lightweight in the business . . . Marty Gallagher, boxing coach at Georgetown, will run the fight show at the GI "Manila Olympics" Dec 21 to 31. Other members of the coaching staff are Freddy Fitzsimmons, baseball; Ed Kennedy, swimming and Ryland Miller, track.

FOOTBALL: Bill Cox is the owner and Mal Stevens the coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers football team which will operate an Ebets Field franchise in Jim Crowley's All-America Football Conference next year. The new league will have clubs at Brooklyn, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Buffalo, San Francisco and Miami . . . The Chicago club has signed George Franck, of Minnesota, and Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch, of Michigan, as a backfield nucleus . . . Hirsch at present is one half the backfield at the El Toro Marine base this year. The other half is Paul Governali, ex-Columbia passer.

BASEBALL AND GOLF: The Phillies have released Jimmy Foxx, Gus Mancuso and Kewpie Barrett and signed Johnny O'Neill, hard-hitting shortstop from Portland . . . The A's traded First Baseman Dick Siebert to the Browns for First Baseman George McQuinn and sold Pitcher Don Black to Cleveland . . . The Yankees in 1945 will sport their pre-war outfield of Joe DiMaggio, Tom Henrich and Charlie Keller. All have returned from the services . . . Johnny Mize is back with the Giants and Claude Corbitt, a classy shortstop prospect, is with the Dodgers again . . . Byron Nelson's sizzling 259 in the Seattle Open is the lowest score ever shot in a 72-hole competitive tour-golf tournament. It was Lord Byron's final triumph in a year of play in which he won more money and had a lower score average than any golfer in history.

Courts Weigh Vets' Reemployment Rights

By Camp Newspaper Service

Does the Selective Service Act give a veteran the right to reemployment, now known as "super-seniority," he said, might bring statement in his old job, regardless of the seniority rights of non-veteran employees?

This problem, now being thrashed out in the courts, is of vast importance not only to ex-servicemen but to all men and women who work for a living.

Veteran's Job Upheld

The Selective Training and Service Act provides that a veteran shall be restored to his old job "or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay unless the employer's circumstances have changed to make it impossible or unreasonable."

M/Gen Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service chief, has ruled that this means that non-veterans of greater seniority must be discharged to make way for veterans, if no job otherwise exists for the returning serviceman. In a test case in Brooklyn a United States district judge upheld Gen Hershey. He said:

" . . . This plaintiff is entitled to come back to his work . . . and . . . is entitled to come back to work in preference to anyone else who might be working on any of the days he applied for work, except a veteran in his own category."

An opposite view was taken in another test case by Prof Herman A. Gray, who was accepted as an arbitrator by an employer and a veteran. The Hershey rul-

ing, now known as "super-seniority," he said, might bring about "a serious economic and social upheaval." Prof Gray added: "The older workers carrying family responsibilities which come with maturing years would find themselves displaced, despite their long service in industry, by younger men who, as a rule, have only themselves to care for. Established industrial organization would be disrupted and thrown into confusion. The task of reconversion to a peacetime economy, difficult at best, would be hampered to a degree that might well prove dangerous."

Labor Groups Protest

Both the AFL and CIO stoutly opposed the super-seniority principle on the grounds that it would be unfair to permit a veteran who had worked for a company for one or 2 years to displace a non-veteran who had worked for the same company for 15 or 20 years.

And at least one employer group, a sub-committee of the Association of American Railroads, said that the ruling is "of doubtful legality" and would have the effect of upsetting the labor agreements and personnel practices which have been in effect in the industry for many years.

The controversy may ultimately be decided in the U. S. Supreme Court.

MORE ABOUT THE PASSING PARADE

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hats" in Washington finally said "The heck with it" or words to that effect—and the ship was ordered to Los Angeles while Lt. Fraher and a group of fifty were ordered to Letterman. In the meantime "that man" had been returned from Germany and released from the service in October. Learning of this change in her movements he made a hurried trip to San Francisco and just a few days later there was a wedding which made the young lieutenant eligible for release as the wife of Charles L. Fleming. As we go to press, Lt. Fraher Fleming has completed the "Sweating out" process at the Separation Point and she is all ready to go back home to Lynn and settle down as a housewife.

This is the first of a series of reports on the "Passing Parade—Outward Bound to Civilian Life" and we hope to tell you more about our former associates in later issues.

No Countermeasure Seen To Atomic Bombs

Washington (CNS)—There are no specific countermeasures to the atomic bomb and there never will be, according to Dr Robert Oppenheimer, who directed the research at Los Alamos, NM, which led to the construction of the bomb.

Testifying before a Senate joint subcommittee hearing, Dr Oppenheimer said that "in time" measures may be found to shoot down rockets or super-sonic planes which would carry the bomb "but that time has not yet come."

Hirohito Subscribes To 'Stars and Stripes'

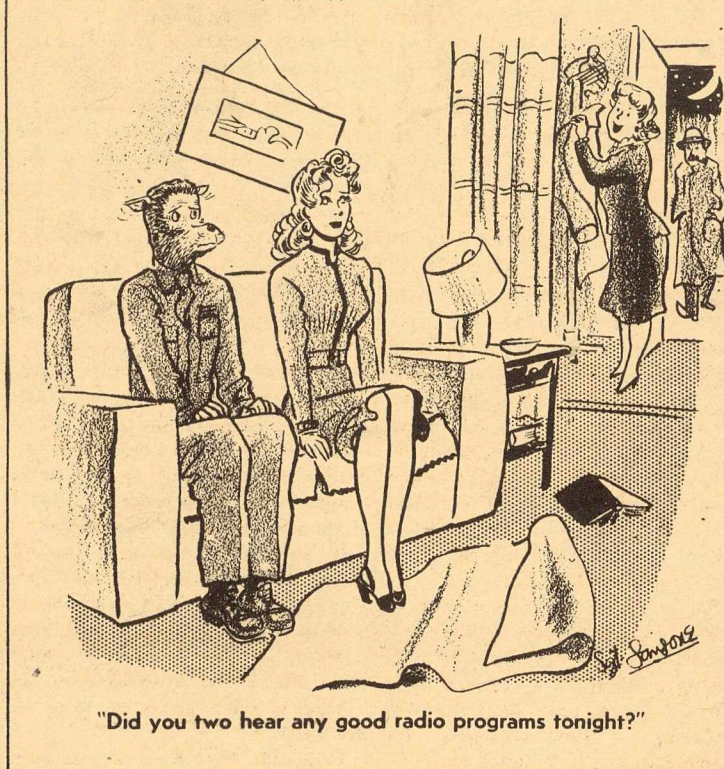
Tokyo (CNS)—The Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" has a new subscriber. When Jap imperial household minister Sotaro Hishiwata complained that the emperor sees all other Tokyo dailies but only occasional clippings from "Stars and Stripes," the newspaper added a new name to its subscription list: Hirohito.

Doolittle on Way Out

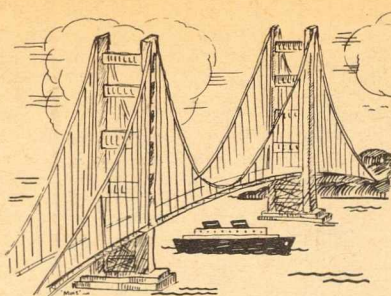
Wright Field, Ohio (CNS)—L/Gen Jimmy Doolittle is on his way out of the Army. Leader of the Shangri-La Raid on Tokyo, commander of the 8th Air Force and now head of the Air Technical Service Command at Detroit, he said he planned to retire "very soon." Queried on his post-war job, he said merely "I got plans."

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Conference on Internal Medicine Meets at Letterman

One of the most important conferences ever held at Letterman General Hospital convened Wednesday for a two-day session devoted to the exchange of new treatments and advances in internal medicine by Army, Navy and Air Force medical experts.

Nearly 100 doctors were welcomed Wednesday morning by Commanding General C. C. Hillman, who then turned the meeting over to Colonel Luther R. Moore, M. C., the Service Command Surgeon. Colonel Moore spoke on the significance of the Medical Services in the hospitals of the Ninth Service Command, then introduced the Chairman of the planning committee for the conference, Colonel Irving S. Wright, M. C., Consultant in Medicine from the Office of Service Command Surgeon, HNSC.

Colonel Wright explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the various diseases which are found in the Ninth Service Command, and the diseases which are being found in the soldiers returning from overseas from the European, Mediterranean and Pacific theaters of war.

The first panel discussion was held on Hepatitis, an infectious liver disease which was common in the combat troops in this war. Major Richard B. Capps, M. C., Capt. Albert Snell, M. C., Dr. Cecil Watson, Colonel Denette Adams, M. C., and Lt. Col. Frank B. Queen, M. C. was the group of experts who agreed that the best treatment of the disease is a diet very high in protein and carbohydrates, and that doses of Vitamin B complex are extremely valuable in effecting a cure.

In the afternoon, there were discussions of Diphtheria and Rheumatic



MEDICAL CONFERENCE VISITORS
General Hillman welcomes Col. Luther R. Moore, Service Command Surgeon, and Col. Irving S. Wright, Consultant in Medicine, Office of Service Command surgeon.

Fever. Major Clarence Livingood, M. C., Lt. Col. William C. Spalding, M. C., Major John Sampson, M. C. and Major Herbert F. Gaskill, M. C. represented the panel on Diphtheria, telling their confreres that a great problem in Army hospitals is Skin Diphtheria, contracted primarily in the tropics. War-time necessity has speeded up the research on this disease, and the doctors have succeeded in isolating the germ and making diagnosis simpler than ever before.

Major Ephraim P. Engleman, M. C., Lt. Col. George H. Houck, M. C., Lt. Comdr. G. C. Griffith, M. C. and Captain Jules C. Welch, M. C. thoroughly discussed the puzzling aspects of Rheumatic Fever in an attempt to discover a cure for the disease. No cure was discovered during the war.

At the end of the day's session, the group adjourned to the Letter-

man swimming pool to watch a special aquacade; then they attended a dinner party in their honor at the Letterman Club.

The first subject on the program Thursday was Coccidioidomycosis, a type of respiratory disease found almost exclusively in California and noticed particularly by Army doctors in men stationed in dusty camps all through the state. The disease was directly traced to a fungus growing in the dust, so the doctors had trees and sprawling shrubs planted everywhere possible in the camps, to prevent spread of the disease. The members of the Medical Corps are trying to find a satisfactory treatment so the disease can be checked before it spreads into other states. Specialists on this panel were Dr. Charles E. Smith, Major Norman Nixon, M. C., Major David M. Goldstein, M. C., Major

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LGH Pool Opens With Acquacade Show

A fast-moving Acquacade helped to dedicate the official opening of Letterman's beautiful \$300,000 indoor swimming pool Thursday, when district engineer Col. George Mayo formally presented the new tank to General Hillman. The ceremonies were held in connection with the Conference on Internal Medicine, and delegates were guests of honor at the performance.

Mr. Jack Greer, Field Executive of the San Francisco U. S. O. introduced Mr. "Curly" Grieve, San Francisco Examiner Sports Editor, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. "Curly" introduced the well-known champion swimmers and divers of the Crystal Plunge team, and presented the star of the day, Miss Ann Curtis, the first woman and the first swimmer to win the highest amateur award, the Sullivan Trophy.

Special strokes were demonstrated, and a diving exhibition was given by champions Vicky Manalo and Frank McGuigan. A highlight of the program was a Water Ballet done by Ann and Sue Curtis. After a Medley Relay race, comic diver Clyde Diaz zoomed off the diving board in a dozen different ways—all unorthodox and all funny.

Other local favorites appearing in the show were: Donna Maddock, Rose Kaufman, Patricia Sinclair, Marian Pontacq, Marilyn "Sugar" Sahrner, Joan Milan, Marian MacDonald, Kathleen Corbett, Sidney Vilen, Marian Olsen, Norma Blare, Helen Wilson and Mary Jurgeson. The acquacade was produced and directed by Charles Sava, famous coach of the Crystal Plunge.

General Hillman presented each of the girls in the show with a compact as a memento of the occasion.

THE TELEPHONE CENTER IS WHERE THE HEART SPEAKS

The Telephone Center is both literally and figuratively the very heart of Letterman General Hospital.

The big sunny room with its gently curving set of bay windows is set smack in the middle of the center corridor. It is the first place the men head for after they've debarked, been coded and assigned to their wards. From noon until 9 P.M. (9:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Sundays) the 15 booths are busy receiving anxious and nervous occupants, many in a state of jitters at the prospect of speaking to their families and friends for the first time in many months, even years.

Stop in there between 4 and 7 any day, the center's busiest hours, and you can feel the tension and excitement, the sudden alertness when one of the friendly girls at the desk picks up the Center phone to announce an incoming call. "Dallas, Texas in Booth 7" rings out, and a lanky lad from the Lone Star State lets out a loud whoop and lopes into the booth. Contact!

According to Marie Schadd, the charming brunette Supervisor in charge of the Center for the Telephone Company, you can almost tell what states the men are from according to how they place the call. Men from New York are always the most impatient about getting their calls through quickly. New Jersey men rank second in this respect. Chicago men are brisk, but not quite so nervous about things. Texas men are aggressive, but more patient.

When the names of states and cities are called out, many of the boys come up to inquire who placed the call—it may have been made to their own home town and they're anxious to talk to the man who made it to see if they have any mutual friends. Just last week, two men who had come back from the same spot in the Pacific aboard the same ship got together in the phone center and discovered they lived within a block of each other, knew each other's friends not only there, but in neighboring towns!

Helping Marie to give the extra-courteous service the Center features are Matilda Silvia, Kathrine Wiley, Virginia Campbell and Marie Olson. Mrs. Wiley's husband is a Major still overseas, so every time she sees a man wearing the Red Arrow shoulder patch, she inquires and gets an up-to-the-minute report on



Virginia Campbell, Matilda Silvia and Marie Schadd rush the calls through for five eager customers.

her spouse and his activities. Marie Olson found not only interesting work in the Center, but her future husband as well! A young man who came in originally to place a call to New Jersey, kept coming back to talk to Marie. They liked each other so much, she corresponded with him after he left—and soon Marie leaves to go back east and marry him!

The Telephone Center is more than just a room with phone booths—it's a combination social hall and information center.

It is there that many of the men find out for the first time that they can take trips to the Stage Door Canteen and go to see movies at the Recreation Hall in their red or blue pyjama suits. The comfortable red leather lounge chairs and couches, and card tables equipped with checker games and magazines always have plenty of customers who aren't waiting for calls—just spending a few pleasant hours. Marie and the girls often buy candy and peanuts to put on the counter, so the men have something to nibble on while they wait for their calls.

One of the 14 booths is especially built to accommodate wheel chair and litter patients, and the instrument in the booth is equipped with an amplifying device to make phoning less of a strain. The jinx booth is number 5—men get stuck in its doors, talk longer and generally have more trouble with their calls than in any other booth. Last week one of

the men settled down in there and talked an hour and a half to Chicago—\$68 worth. The most expensive call so far was one for \$77, made to the east coast—the patient talked almost two hours! There is no limit on calls, actually, but the men are asked if they please won't make them fairly short and leave the lines free to allow more men to speak to their families.

The matter of payment is relatively unimportant. The main thing is to get the calls through as quickly as possible, although it has been increasingly difficult these past few weeks, when the circuits out of San Francisco have been jammed with calls being made by the thousands of Navy, Marine and non-patient Army men who have returned recently. Payment may be made at the time of the call, or the men can be billed at the next hospital.

Most of the friendly atmosphere that's so noticeable the moment you walk through the double doors is due to Marie and her girls. They are co-operative to the nth degree and sometimes even beyond (if that's possible!) Take the other night—a very sleepy young patient on crutches came in to call his mother. He had just debarked a few hours ago after many long months overseas, and he didn't want to go to bed until he had talked to "Mom." The catch was that "Mom" didn't have a phone—and the nearest one was miles away. The boy didn't even

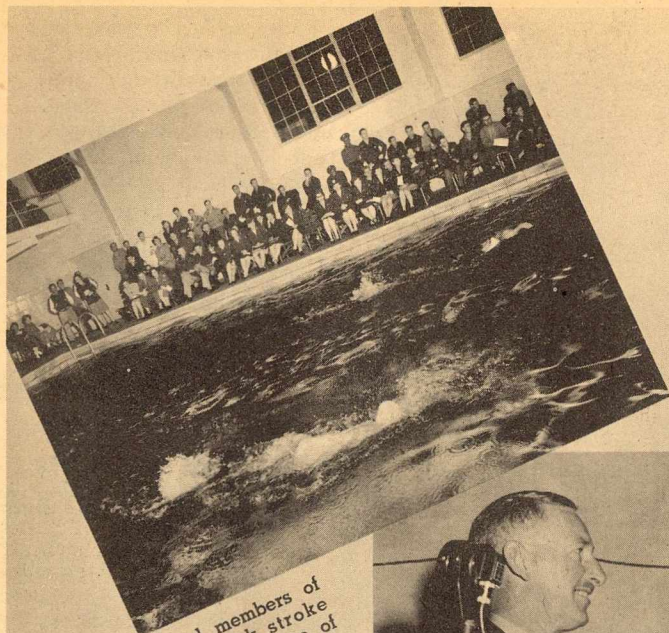
know the name of their closest neighbors who might have one. Marie told him to wait, and she went to work getting the Oklahoma operator. She explained things to the operator at the other end of the line, who promptly called the police department and asked them to send a squad car to bring the mother to a phone. Thirty minutes after the call had been placed, the connection was made! Only by this time, the boy had fallen sound asleep and was so weary he couldn't be roused. So after all that, Marie was the one who talked to his mother and assured her that her son was home and safe, and would be well very soon! Marie finished her extra-curricular chore by practically carrying the boy back to his ward and tucking him in for the night. All in a day's work!

The girls get an idea of what the men think of them when they read the comments in the large guest book set up on the right-hand side of the doors. There, the boys write enthusiastic notes, praising the service, the wonderful facilities of the entire hospital and writing down any other comments they happen to think of. Most of the paragraphs reflect the glow of happiness they feel about getting home again, after periods of service ranging from a few months to six years. One boy, unable to think of anything else, wrote "God Bless America" five times on five separate lines. Others sign their names and add "It's swell," or "I must be dreaming—the States just can't be this wonderful." And one little poem, dashed off in a quick moment, speaks for all the RAMPS (Recovered American military personnel) who are back safe and sound:

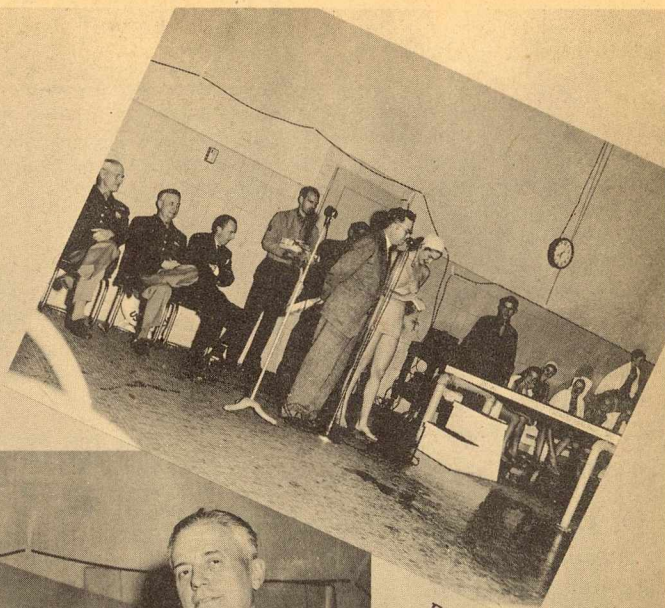
From Bataan
To Japan
Into the fire
From the frying pan
3½ years in which to plan
U.S.A.—here I am!!

The most touching scene we've yet witnessed, though, was last week when a tall, young RAMP emerged from booth 8, a beatific smile shining through unashamed tears. When he could trust himself to talk without choking up, he turned to us and said, "Can you imagine a girl waiting for you for five whole years? I just talked to her, and she did!!

LGH Pool Officially Opens During Medical Conference



Patients and members of LGH watch back stroke race, exciting feature of aquacade staged by Charles Sava.



Examiner Sports Editor "Curley" Grieve presents swim star Ann Curtis with compact from Gen. Hillman as memento of the occasion.



General Hillman formally accepts pool from Col. George Mayo District Engineer, after introduction by Lt. Col. Seth Craft.



Highlight of the show was the water ballet beautifully done by Ann and Sue Curtis.

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EDITORIAL

G. I. KNOW HOW

The "experts," experience-hardened shipbuilders, prophesied in grim voice and with finger on statistics, that it couldn't be done. Nope, they repeated, authoritative voices ringing through Congressional committee meetings, converting a Liberty ship from cargo to passenger would require two months and \$3,000,000. The Gov'nment just better think up something else to bring the boys home.

But, back on Manila, 500 vets of the 821st Bn., didn't see it that way; they'd been waiting four weeks. They weren't shipbuilders but they were members of an aviation engineer battalion that had done some rather significant construction work in war time and their skill hadn't disappeared when bombs stopped dropping.

Specialists might look dubious and brass might give way to public opinion with many misgivings but the men themselves had no fears. They had confidence, initiative and persistence. They had all the qualities that used to make good human interest in wartime newspaper copy; but now these qualities were freed of destruction and coupled, instead, with construction.

Besides they were eager to get home.

It didn't take two months to convert the ship: it took **two days** with a crew of 70



Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft wearing a bright smile as he celebrated his birthday and wedding anniversary, both on the same day.

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Swim Champ Ann Curtis and her troupe diving into steaks, instead of water for a change, in the PX Grill Wednesday night after the pool performance.

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The photo lab's dark room being suddenly brightened Thursday when a warm little light found ideal burning equipment in a row of plastic negative holders. The fire dept. got a stiff work-out.

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Four LGH section officers—Lt. Col. William C. Spalding, Major David M. Goldstein, Major Thomas W. Nisbet, and Major Clarence H. Godard—appearing among the conference experts at the panel discussions on stage of the Red Cross rec hall.

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Visitors having a hard time trying to locate newly moved offices, and getting little help from personnel who still keep stepping across the wrong thresholds themselves.

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Second Lt. William J. Murray talking over Capt. Howard E. Reilly's chiefship in civilian personnel.

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Lt. George J. Kaplan stopping by the PRO office to catch up on "Dick Tracy" and "Li'l Abner."

chosen from 400 volunteers who had rushed the battalion headquarters when permission was granted. The amateur shipbuilders didn't too badly either: one captain from the 821st reported it was the most comfortable vessel the boys had yet been moved on.

This week newspaper readers at home rejoiced in the initiative of Liberty ship Otto Mears' workers and wished at the same time that the idea had risen earlier: all the troops might be home for Christmas.



Romance took precedence in ANC news this week as two members of the corps were married and another ex-Letterman nurse, eligible for discharge on points and now on terminal leave, recited her marriage vows.

With about 30 ANC friends attending the ceremony, 1st Lt. Catherine Vieterheimer was married to Capt. Ray Chesley, Army officer whom she had met while he was here from Washington, D. C., assisting in the processing of RAMPS.

The bridegroom left Monday for Washington while the LGH nurse returned to work; she expects to be discharged soon.

Second Lt. Norma Wood, with 2nd Lt. Mary Sacksteder as her attendant, married Ensign Thomas Willis last Saturday night in a downtown church. She was married in uniform and had a three-day leave for the occasion.

Civilian-to-be on the marriage list was Elsie Klinker, LGH nurse for several months, who was wed to Arthur Owen, civilian.

On leave are 1st Lts. Rebecca Amend, spending 30 days in Pittsburgh and Mary E. Rapp, spending 15 days in California; 2nd Lts. Ruth Wylie and June Harris, called home to Massachusetts by illness of their mothers.

Arrivals of new nurses, which spurted for a while, came to a standstill and only the entrance of one addition to Letterman's staff was recorded. Second Lt. Virginia Thomas of Beverly, Mass., arrived here the beginning of the month. She entered the Army in June at Fort Devens, Mass.

Returned to duty after sessions in the hospital are 2nd Lts. Mildred M. Callahan, Mary T. McGlynn and Mary C. Mannin while 1st Lt. Mina Aasen and 2nd Lt. Jean Feast entered the hospital for treatment this week.

New York (CNS)—Cab Calloway and Claude Hopkins, swing band leaders, swung on each other in the Zanzibar night club. Cab hit the floor and Claude hit the ceiling. He had Cab arrested for assault. Said Cab in court: "He provoked me." Said Claude: "He slugged me first." Sartorial note: Cab wore a green suit and a polka-dot tie. Claude wore an ice cream suit and a pink foulard.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, November 11, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Leaflets for Sale On 28 Jobs for Vets

New York (CNS)—Recently CNS announced the availability of Occupational Abstracts on 28 fields in which post-war employment prospects are considered good. Since then the publishers have been swamped with letters from servicemen, some of whom expected to receive all 28 abstracts for 25 cents.

The publishers point out that each abstract is a separate leaflet, covering a different occupation, and that the price of each abstract is 25 cents. The abstracts may be obtained from Occupational Index, Inc., a research organization at New York University, New York 3, N. Y., by sending 25 cents for each title desired.

The available titles are: accountant, air conditioning engineer, architect, automobile salesman, bookkeeping, book illustration, building contractor, bus and truck driver, children's librarian, electronics, gasoline filling station, guidance and personnel, landscape architect, medicine, medical laboratory technologist, occupational therapy, physical therapy, plasterer, plastics, public health nursing, radio service, real estate, rural teacher, taxi driver, teaching, television, veterinarian, vocational rehabilitation.

VA Finds Veterans A Good Investment

Washington (CNS)—The Veterans Administration balanced up its accounts and discovered that it has lost less than \$10,000 while endorsing \$41,000,000 worth of ex-servicemen's notes. Producing scores of figures, the VA revealed that the typical vet getting a loan under the GI Bill of Rights is 31, married, has 2 children, had 6 years business experience before entering service, possesses \$739 in savings but values his worth at \$2785, and borrows an average of \$2499, which he pays off at the rate of \$73.44 monthly. He expects to net a yearly profit from his business of \$4,451.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CAROLINE JAMES
Technician 5th Gr.

Pert, blonde Caroline James, whose working career has included everything from professional tap dancing to vitamins, is an Ohioan by birth and residence.

Unlike many Wacs, hit by the traveling urge and planning to romp around the country after an eventual discharge, Caroline will return to Ohio and begin college, probably at Toledo University. She is planning to specialize in bacteriology and, after finishing, to do laboratory work in vitamins.

Since she was 7, the LGH Wac has been tap dancing, with a bit of ballet tossed in for variety. For six years, until she was 19, she was a professional dancer, toured Ohio with a traveling company, danced at banquets, private parties and, when mobilization began, for USO shows.

During summers in Toledo she danced for light opera. "Dancing for operas was most fun," she pointed out. "I met all the stars from New York." And then added realistically, "Some of them were probably hams, but I didn't know it."

When she was 19, Caroline gave up dancing as a career and began work at a pharmacy concern preparing vitamin capsules for distribution. She worked there a year and a half and moved on to the furnace oil department of Standard Oil.

There Caroline's job was dispatching service men to furnace rooms of complaining homeowners, and complaints in those days of rationing and OPA regulations were fast and, quite frequently, furious.

One woman, calling to request more fuel, complained that she was forced to keep huddled up in a fur coat sipping alcoholic drinks to remain unfrosted. Her final threat to the company and oil distributors in general was that her husband would call; he never did.

GENERAL KIRK PRESENTED WITH DSM FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, in recognition of his "outstanding leadership in directing the largest medical department in the history of the United States Army."

According to the official citation, which accompanied presentation of the medal, "By careful planning, efficient administration and dynamic example, he (General Kirk) made possible extraordinary care for sick and wounded American soldiers—care which has never been equalled in any war."

"He supervised the selection of qualified medical specialists who were assigned to posts stretching from the forward areas to general hospitals in the Zone of the Interior, and combined their exceptional talents with a prompt evacuation system to achieve unprecedented results."

"Under his able guidance every effort was made to utilize the newer methods of medical and surgical treatment and to develop new techniques."

"His plans for the care of battle casualties and outstanding efforts to prevent disease among the troops resulted in an enormous reduction in mortality and morbidity."

"Bearing tremendous responsibilities, General Kirk accomplished his trying task in a distinctly superior manner, thereby making a major contribution to the success of American arms."

In commenting on the Army Medical Department, which Major Kirk was commended for so ably directing, General Somervell recently noted, in his annual report to the Under Secretary of War and the Chief of Staff:

"New methods of surgical care

were perfected in the fiscal year. 'Phasing' of treatment was introduced. Care of the wounded was divided into three distinct phases. The first phase took place on the battle front, where surgeons and first aid crews gave emergency treatment. Patients then were evacuated, more swiftly than ever before, to hospitals in the communications zone. Much of this evacuation was done by air."

"It was not unusual for men who could be moved to undergo their emergency treatment within the sound of guns and eight or few hours later to be in bed in hospitals 500 miles behind the lines."

"There the second phase . . . 'reparative surgery' was undertaken. Again men were evacuated swiftly as soon as they were able to be moved safely to hospitals in the United States. Here the final phase of surgical reconstruction and rehabilitation was undertaken."

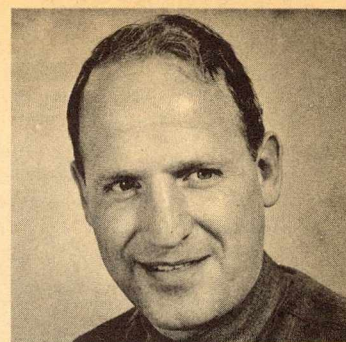
"The results are apparent in the lowest mortality rate in the history of any army in the world . . . 4.3 per cent of the wounded."

Another development in the Medical Department, made under General Kirk's leadership, was noted by General Somervell:

"Forward steps in the neuropsychiatry treatments resulted in the return to duty in the theatre of operations of 90 per cent of the cases of battle fatigue. Forty to 60 per cent were able to return to combat units. Before the introduction of the new treatment, which occurs immediately behind the front, only 10 per cent returned."

General Kirk, whose Army career began in 1912, was assigned as commanding officer of Percy Jones General Hospital in 1942. The following year he was promoted to Brigadier General and later appointed Surgeon General with the rank of Major General.

ON THE SPOT



JACK E. MILLER
Sergeant

Sitting down for a quiet little interview answering someone else's questions was a new experience for Sgt. Jack E. Miller who usually does the quizzing himself.

As occupational counselor for the separation classification section, Sgt. Miller's job is questioning and advising the long eager stream of prospective civilians that passes through his office on the route to civilian life.

The tall, slow-speaking Ohio non-com, who came here in April from the investigation department of the Military Police of the central district, was promoted to corporal October 9 and to sergeant three days later, October 12.

During his MP days, Sgt. Miller, as one member of a clue-hunting twosome, tracked down long-term Army deserters, working out from San Jose.

Before his assignment with the central district, Sgt. Miller was with the military police at Tule Lake. He had been stationed there since entry into the Army in November, 1943.

Before joining the Army, Sgt. Miller was manager for the office of the Commonwealth Loan Company, Newcastle, Ind., and prior to that was investigator for the Dayton, Ohio, branch of the company.

A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Sgt. Miller majored in business administration and physical education; his free time was spent with Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Sgt. Miller is looking forward to the time when he will walk into Room 212, separation classification section, sit down at the dark, official-looking desk and quietly submit to questioning, as a prospective civilian.

Ex-Servicewomen Get Their Old Jobs Back

Washington (CNS) — With demobilization progressing at an accelerated pace, servicewomen are having little difficulty regaining their old jobs, headquarters of the women's organizations have reported. Already, WAC personnel has dropped from a peak of 100,000 to 91,000; Waves, from 86,000 to 77,000; Women marines, from 19,000 to 16,000; and Spars, from 9888 to 9209.

Aussie Brides Go Home; They Didn't Like U. S.

Brisbane, Australia (CNS) — Over 50 Australian brides of American servicemen came back home on the same liner, disappointed because America was "not like the movies and magazine advertisements" had pictured it. One of the group, Mrs John Balboni, of Sydney, explained: "Everything in America is fast and every one is selfish."

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

We wandered into Officer's Personnel one day this week and the gals were discussing gentlemen's wearing apparel (civilian) with much gesturing and gusto. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that an ex-serviceman's first civvies should be looked upon with dark glasses lest they completely blind the eyes of the beholder. As the conversation developed it became evident that the cause for all this comment was none other than our latest male addition to the civilian ranks, Gil Grady. On Gil's first day with us after his discharge, he was decked out with a sartorial splendor that would equal, if not surpass, that of any veteran. Signe Anderson's description was excellent—we quote, "A heavenly blue shirt with a red tie decorated with a swirl motif, a herringbone tweed sports jacket and steel-blue slacks with chapeau to match." Marion Amberg feels that life will not be worth living until she sees Gil in his black and white pin-striped suit. All we can say is that he had better wear it soon or the morale of the entire section will be irreparably shattered.

We welcome the following discharges to LGH: Russell Carrow, who is doing very complicated scientific things down in the EKG room. Herb Jauch, a good fellow who is on duty at Dante. Audray Hollenbeck of the Lab, and James Eddy, Everett Berry, George Vallis, Frank Dwelle, Walter Behrens and Stanford Locke are all in the Dietetics Branch. Also Marvin Schutt, an ex-marine in the Motor Pool.

Two late vacationists are Esther Aguado and Zella Counts, both O.T.'s. Zella has gone to Texas and Esther is seeking a bit of respite in Southern California.

We have a new Chief of CPB, Lt. William J. Murray, MAC. We're happy to have him with us and trust that he enjoys his new duty. We wish our former Chief, Capt. Howard Reilly, the very best of everything good in civilian life.

New York (CNS)—When Joseph Andrews, 36, was arraigned in Felony Court on a charge of stealing vestments and silverware from Catholic, Jewish and Protestant chapels at Bellevue Hospital, he told the magistrate: "Your Honor, I think I ought to go back to Bellevue for a sanity examination. I don't think I'm all there." The request was granted.

WAC OFFICER SEES OBJECTIVES IN ARMY LIFE FULFILLED



2nd Lt. LILLIAN N. MATTHEWS
WAC in charge of the 126th LGH Co.

When 2nd Lt. Dillian N. Matthews left her banking job—and banking hours—to join the women's auxiliary of the army in fall of 1942, she had two main desires.

One was to be a first sergeant: that wish was fulfilled early in her army career when, at Boley Field, Washington, D. C., she was placed in charge of a 150-girl company.

"There's nothing in the world quite like it," says the small vivacious Wac officer, now in charge of the 126th LGH hospital company.

"The day I had my first sergeant's stripes was the most exciting day of my army career," she continued, adding that even receiving her bars didn't surpass the thrill of receiving her first sergeantcy.

In her other objective, Lt. Matthews has been fortunate also. She wanted to meet many people, work with them, learn to understand them. And she has had a long string of opportunities—from the early days of her first sergeantcy, through OCS when she was a member of the first Wac officer class to be graduated from Fort Oglethorpe, to her later assignments in company work, first at Oglethorpe and now at Letterman.

However, the dark-haired lieutenant

admits, when she is a civilian once more she will probably appreciate a rest from mobs of people as much as relaxation from duties. Eventually she wants to go abroad, tour England, see "what's over there."

A former resident of Raleigh, N. C., Lt. Matthews was graduated from high school there, completed a business course at the North Carolina College for Women and went to work in the county AAA office.

She left there for work in a jewelry store where, in about seven years, she rose from cashier-bookkeeper to become the credit manager.

Then, with mobilization removing bankers, as well as men of every other occupation, and sending them away to army and navy installations, Lt. Matthews' opportunity for banking came. She became teller and bookkeeper in a city bank, one of two women hired there to replace the men who had gone into service.

"I learned to read people there," says the Wac officer of this job. "It helped a lot in the army." And the army in turn has undoubtedly added much to her stock of knowledge about people, she concluded.

MEDICAL DETACH

BY PAT SULLIVAN

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "Little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the separation point during the last week: T/Sgts. Ernest L. Brensel, and Everett R. Pierce, S/Sgts. Arthur Nessett and John W. Seale, T/3rd Gr. Ralph G. Furman, Sgts. George C. Barda, Crispin F. Lopez, Oren A. Fuller, and Christopher F. Gannon, Cpls. Gilbert W. Grady, Walter Zacharyasz, Gerald E. Hessey, Willard C. Rickard, Thomas D. Hunt, James C. Dedmon, Arthur Longoria, and J. P. Wilson, Pvt. Richard E. Harrell, Phillip J. Leist, James W. Sheridan, John E. Richter, Gerald W. O'Neil, Joe M. Leet, Lawrence D. Bathke, Arthur L. Colson, Angelo A. Papa, Merle A. Sater, Victor E. Deyo, Nicholas Gatto, Thomas V. Ivory, Raymond R. Aros, James Russell, Fred L. Lull, Joseph Rogers, Danile J. Chavez, and John H. Phillips.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: T/4th Gr. Hal A. Campbell and T/4th Gr. Dan Sackash appointed S/Sgts.; Cpls. James L. Baldry and Maurice W. Chapek appointed Sgts.; Pvt. George E. Elliott, Randall V. Henrick, and Rocco Nobile appointed Cpls.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Lou D. Slott proudly passing out the cigars as he is now the proud father of a baby girl.

Sgt. David off to his home on a 90 day furlough after signing up for three more years as a medic.

Sgt. Elias Tamey the first one in this season of horse racing to see the "light" and give up this sport.

Sgt. Herman Gai always willing to please the opposite sex and helping a fair maiden get home the last rainy days.

New York (CNS)—Pennies from heaven are falling at the corner of 51st Street and 5th Avenue every day at noon. Someone in a skyscraper at this location drops dimes, quarters and sometimes even halves to the sidewalk to passersby. The kitty usually exceeds \$10 a day.

WAC

Guest in the Wac barracks this week was T/3rd Gr. Grace L. Herring, vet of 15 months in the Pacific, here awaiting transportation to Texas for herself and her RAMP husband.

The couple, separated for more than four years, were reunited in Manila in September when Grace was flown in from duty in Hollandia; her husband joined her in Manila after liberation from a camp in Japan. Grace entered the Wac in February 1943, was in New Guinea with ordnance corps and in Hollandia with the quartermaster corps.

Fatigued after their experience but quietly serene and planning for civilian life, the uniformed couple were planning to return to Fort Sam Houston where Grace will be discharged. Her husband will be discharged after his furlough.

Also looking forward these days to discharges and civilian life are Pat Anderson, recently married to an ex-serviceman, who will live in Minnesota; Virginia Stanley, Rosemary Advey, newly married on a furlough home.

Betty Schrimsher, back from Camp Beale with the discharge symbol emblazoned on her blouse, dropped in at the barracks to visit chums Sunday night. She will live in Altadena.

According to messages from Mary Thompson, who left last month for Albuquerque to be married to a former LGH RAMP, she is now signing envelopes with Mrs. instead of T/5th Gr.

Halloween night T/4th Gr. Josephine S. Jacobs became grandmother of a girl born to her daughter in Dallas, Texas.

T/5th Gr. Wynelle Weimer was clearing up last-minute details Monday for her wedding Tuesday afternoon to Harold Parnell, Navy man, whom she met while working with the FBI in D. C., two years ago.

They have been corresponding ever since and recently he has been stationed in this area. Their plans called for a ceremony in the hospital chapel.

Taken ill with flu on a three-day pass, T/4th Gr. Blanche Bays was admitted to Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, last week end. S/Sgt. Vera Goodlander got back from the hospital Monday afternoon after being treated at LGH for nasopharyngitis a week.

SGT. HAL CAMPBELL, POPULAR MAN-ABOUT-LGH, HEADS FOR HOME



Staff Sergeant HAL CAMPBELL
Among hard workers in RAMP section

Hal Campbell returned from a cold job in the Aleutians last February to take a hot job here at Letterman in the RAMP section.

A combination trouble-shooter and Dutch uncle, Hal has been unsnarling all sorts of prisoner-of-war problems since the returnees first began coming in from Cabanatuan in March, and we called them LPWs.

When the great influx of men released from Japanese camps began, Hal was assigned to the special staff set up under the direction of Captain Moody, and went to work with a phone in one hand and a pile of informative "flimsies" in the other.

Through all the hectic, fast-paced days of activity, we never once saw him lose that big smile. Well, just once, maybe. One day at Crissy it was replaced by a look of complete puzzlement when he saw a tiny soldier already dressed in blues in the initial processing line. All the men were fresh off the ship, and just signing in, and here was this little fellow decked out in pyjamas already! What complicated the sit-

uation was, the man was a British RAMP an dhad a hard time explaining in Americanese that he had been in sick bay aboard the ship and had been issued "blues" there!

Hal leaves Letterman in a few days, being separated from the Army on points earned since he was inducted at Fort MacArthur in July, 1942. At that time, he was sent to Camp Roberts for six weeks, next to Fort Lawton, Washington, and from there to the Aleutians for over two years.

He's a native son, and as soon as he gets that certain paper, he'll head back to the San Joaquin Valley and go to work on his father's ranch. He's planning to go back to school, maybe, to learn more about farming and animal husbandry. Before entering the Army, Hal went to the University of California, studying at the Davis branch which specializes in agriculture. So any time you're around Porterville and want some terrific oranges or wheat or good beef, you know whom to see!

And he's still single, girls!



To Pvt. and Mrs. David Brabrook, a son, **Robert Steven**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 29 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. C. W. Miller, a daughter, **Jan**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 29 October.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Sidney B. McMillion, a son, **Timothy Burke**, weight 9 pounds and 5 ounces, born 29 October.

To WO and Mrs. Sam T. Perkins, a son, **Charles Roy**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 30 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. O. R. Morehead, a daughter, **Valeria Anne**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 30 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. E. J. Bell, a son, **Kenneth Stuart**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 31 October.

To Sgt. and Mrs. L. D. Slott, a daughter, **Adrianne Joyce**, weight 6 pounds, born 31 October.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles Corley, a daughter, **Nancy Louise**, weight 6 pounds and 9 ounces, born 2 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Daniel Hamblet, a son, **Dennis Eugene**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 2 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lewis E. Schwab, a daughter, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 3 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson, a son, **James Casey**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 3 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Alfonso LaValle, a son, **Thomas Noah**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 3 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. T. E. Fanning, a son, **Patrick Thomas**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 4 November.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. C. Scouras, a son, **George**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 4 November.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. E. E. Shields, a daughter, **Carol Elaine**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 4 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul E. Clauson, a son, **Frederick Paul**, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 4 November.

MORE ABOUT CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page 1)

Edward J. Denenholz, M. C., and Captain Edward C. Whiting, M. C.

Thursday's second session dealt with Lichenoid and Allied Skin Diseases, and speakers were Major Livingood, Major James Bazemore, M.C., Lt. Col. Don Wilson, M.C., Major Thomas W. Nisbet, M.C., and Major John A. Hookey, M.C. The use of atabrine in treatment of these diseases was discussed, and findings of the group will be released sometime in the future when more statistics can be made available.

General Hillman then addressed the group on the problems of a debarkation hospital, explaining the complicated routines involved in receiving and evacuating thousands of sick and wounded men. These remarks prefaced an auto tour of Crissy Field, the 1960 Train Unit, and other points of interest in the immediate vicinity.

After luncheon, the group reconvened to listen to a report that was especially interesting to Letterman personnel—Colonel Wright's account of the health survey of our Repatriated American Prisoners of War from the Far East—RAMPS to us.

The survey team at Letterman under the direction of Lt. Col. Arie Van Ravenswaay and Lt. Col. Robert Needles examined approximately 3200 RAMPS, and their discoveries were the basis of Colonel Wright's report.

The men who survived the Japanese prison camps were a selective group, the doctors decided, characterized by one or more of five different factors. Barring accident or deliberate death at the hands of the enemy, these particular men survived because (1) They had a stronger drive for self-preservation than the others; (2) They were more adjustable to adverse and grim living conditions; (3) They were well enough controlled to keep from striking back when subjected to rough treatment and humiliation by their captors; (4) They were men with strong digestive systems, both physically and psychologically, who could keep up their protein metabolism by not being squeamish about eating grasshoppers, snakes, weeds or mice; (5) They showed great ingenuity getting extra food, slyly concealing any extra rice rations they could get, and always on the lookout

for something that might vary their diet.

The first thing all the doctors on the team noted was what a large percentage of the returnees had returned to normal weight, though it was not a nutritional weight. Since leaving the camps, the men had been gorging on candy bars and other high caloric foods, so that it benefited their bodies only temporarily.

A high percentage had had malaria, but over a period of three years most of the cases had burned themselves out—a fact noted with great interest by all the doctors present. There were many cases of both wet and dry beri-beri, but not a very large number of jaundice patients. There was not a single case of lichenoid, and none had had any atabrine.

Colonel Wright paid the dentists a compliment for their ingenuity in caring for the men's teeth in the camps by devising all sorts of ingenious methods of filling, making bridges, etc. He thought it was interesting to note that the incidence of dental caries had not been increased at all, though the lack of good nutritional food showed up in the bone structure of the jaws.

At the end of the lengthy report, Col. Wright said that the men came back to normal health at a remarkable rate, and expressed the opinion that they would remain that way . . . the American G. I. has remarkable recuperative powers, and knows how to take care of himself.

The conference continued with a discussion on Psychotherapy as a technique in internal medicine. Colonel Lauren H. Smith, M. C., started the subject by saying that the use of psychotherapy is not limited to psychiatrists, but should be part of the daily work of the physician, who should use "any influence on the patients' thinking, feeling or acting that serves to produce a more constructive and effective mental re-alignment of the patient." Col. Smith went into further detail, explaining how much help could be given a patient by re-education, wise consultation and orientation, without getting into the realms of Orthodox Psychoanalysis. Other doctors on the panel with Col. Smith were Major Herbert F. Gaskill and Major Clarence H. Godard, of Letterman.

The last panel discussion of the conference was on Virus and Rick-

News From Home

Boston (CNS)—The Christian Science Monitor says silk stockings are on their last legs. Women prefer nylons, the paper reports, which last longer. Moreover, Jap silk was government-subsidized, the Nips' purpose being to build up dollar exchange with which to buy American scrap iron. Without the subsidy, the price of silk stockings would be twice their pre-war level.

Brooklyn (CNS)—A Brooklyn truck driver is convinced that this is a tough old world. He couldn't make a living with his truck, so he turned to bookmaking. He complained to an officer: "And now every player is beating me." Magistrate Ambrose J. Haddock in Gamblers Court took pity, gave the driver (and his pocketbook) a 15-day rest when he couldn't pay the \$75 fine.

Indianapolis (CNS)—A local liquor store was held up twice within 2 hours here recently. The first thief cleaned out the joint and escaped. The second got only bottle tops—and was arrested while leaving.

Pittsburg, Kans (CNS)— "Want some pennies?" Arthur Signor asked the clerk at the First National Bank. "Sure," the clerk replied. Signor gave him 23,121, next day returned with 6847 more. "Been saving them," he explained.

San Francisco (CNS)—An auto ground to a halt on Golden Gate Bridge. From it stepped a woman, who climbed over the guard rail and leaped into the water. Her husband, driver of the car, nonchalantly lit a cigaret. "Let her go," he told witnesses—and drove away.

Washington (CNS)—A one-pound "bomb" containing DDT, the war-developed insect killer, will cost \$4 at retail, the OPA has announced. Small volume production for civilian use will begin immediately.

ettsial diseases. Colonel Francis E. Council, M. C., and Captain Alfred L. Florman, M. C. discussed the subjects fully. Commenting on the value of the conference later, Colonel Council mentioned the fact that it would take months and years to get the material discussed here into magazines and books, and this way, he had a chance to present recent advances in the treatment of Rickettsial diseases to doctors who could soon use the knowledge in their private practices, when they leave the Armed Forces.

Colonel Wright closed the conference with a general summing-up of the two days' activities.

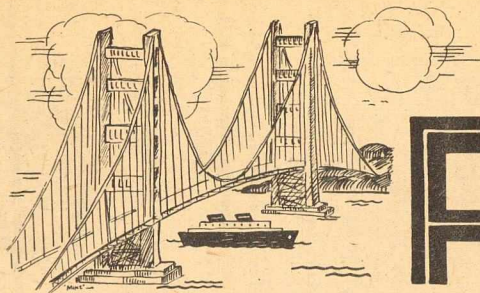
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"... and this one can cook!"



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Plans Made for LGH Celebration Of Thanksgiving

The first peace-time holidays in four years are going to be celebrated with special emphasis here at Letterman.

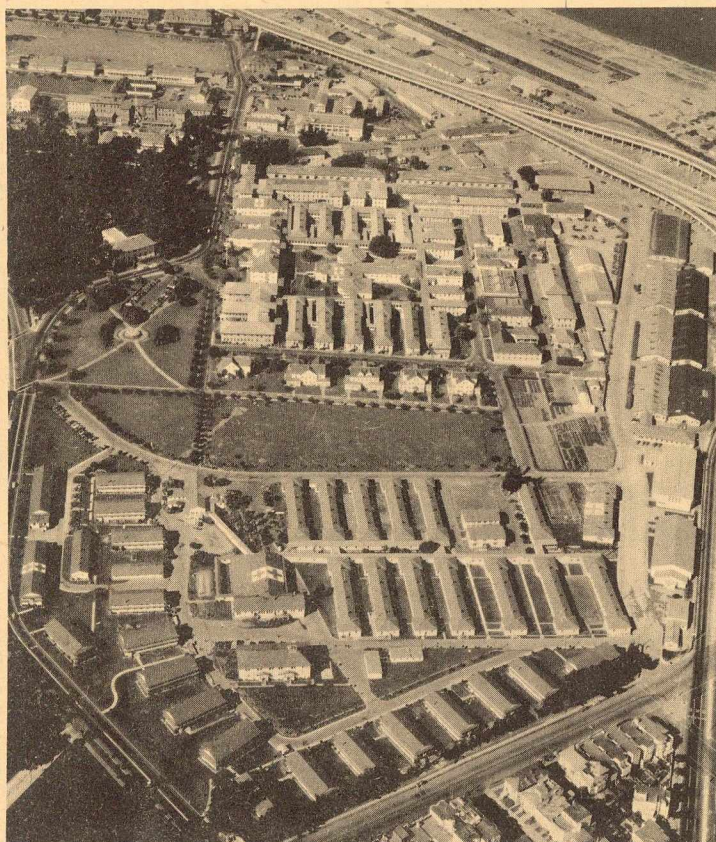
Plans for Thanksgiving are nearly completed, and include several Open House parties to be held both Thursday and Friday. Major Rex Clayton has been working overtime, lining up the ingredients for a typical Thanksgiving-day dinner.

In the seven mess halls, the menu will be: Oyster soup, roast turkey, chestnut dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry turkeys, candied sweet potatoes, buttered corn niblets, autumn salad, cloverleaf rolls, butter, fruit cake, ice cream, cigars, cigarettes, candy, fruit, coffee, tea, milk and cider.

The Telephone Center will be open for an informal party Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6, with hostesses from the Telephone Company to welcome the guests.

At the Red Cross Recreation Center, everyone is cordially invited to drop in between 2 and 4 for a cup of punch. Music and other entertainment is on the program. On Friday, there will be a regular Thanksgiving party from 6:30 to 8:30.

Special Services is lining up entertainment for the wards and auditorium, and will make an announcement of their plans as soon as the final details have been completed.



BIRDS EYE VIEW OF LETTERMAN

Now that some of the restrictions regarding aerial photographs have been lifted, we can print this excellent view of the hospital, taken a few weeks ago by Captain Truman Heminway, Jr.

Captain Heminway is a photographer at Hamilton Field who specializes in shooting pictures from the air, so on behalf of the many LGH camera fans, we asked for a few details on the subject.

Flying in a C-47, he waited until the pilot reached 500 feet, then had

him level off. He used a K17B camera at f8. at 1/225th of a second. The weather was almost clear, with just a slight haze.

The chief difficulty in getting a picture like this, is remaining in the plane. After several experiments, Capt. Heminway decided the best way to accomplish his purpose was by removing the door of the plane. He then tied a rope around his waist, firmly attached the other end to the opposite side of the plane, and leaned out to snap the picture.

LGH Plays Host At Premiere Show Of "Spellbound"

Letterman's Recreation Center will be turned into a premiere theater Tuesday, when David O. Selznick's new film, "Spellbound," will be shown for the first time in this area for the benefit of the hospital's patients and detachment members.

Inaugurating a campaign to bring the best films to the men who are still in hospitals throughout the country, Mr. Selznick is sending a special print by plane so the patients will see the picture as quickly as other audiences. The picture stars Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck.

Guest stars are a part of the plan, and if Gregory Peck can get away from M.G.M., where he's working in "The Yearling," he will fly here to be present. Miss Rhonda Fleming, beautiful young actress, is already here and will be out to visit men in the wards at a time to be announced later.

Special recordings of the musical score by Miklos Rozsa are being given to our radio room by Mr. Ted Wick, Radio Director of Selznick Studios.

There will be two showings of the film—one at 2:00 in the afternoon, and another at 7:00 that evening. Final details will be announced via the Radio Room.

The film deals with psychiatry, and is said to be one of Alfred Hitchcock's best productions.

Irwin Memorial Blood Bank Operates Day And Night

By Jeanne Riha

To gray-garbed patients just off the ship, lying quietly in white hospital beds, the words "Irwin Memorial Blood Bank," have little significance in themselves; they are just a string of dimly remembered words, whispered in the low toned conversation between doctor and nurse.

But they come to have significance because, here at Letterman as well as at about 34 other hospitals in the county and Bay areas, the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank has answered emergency calls for rare and common types of blood that, met less promptly or left unanswered, might have resulted in a longer death list than the war has already caused.

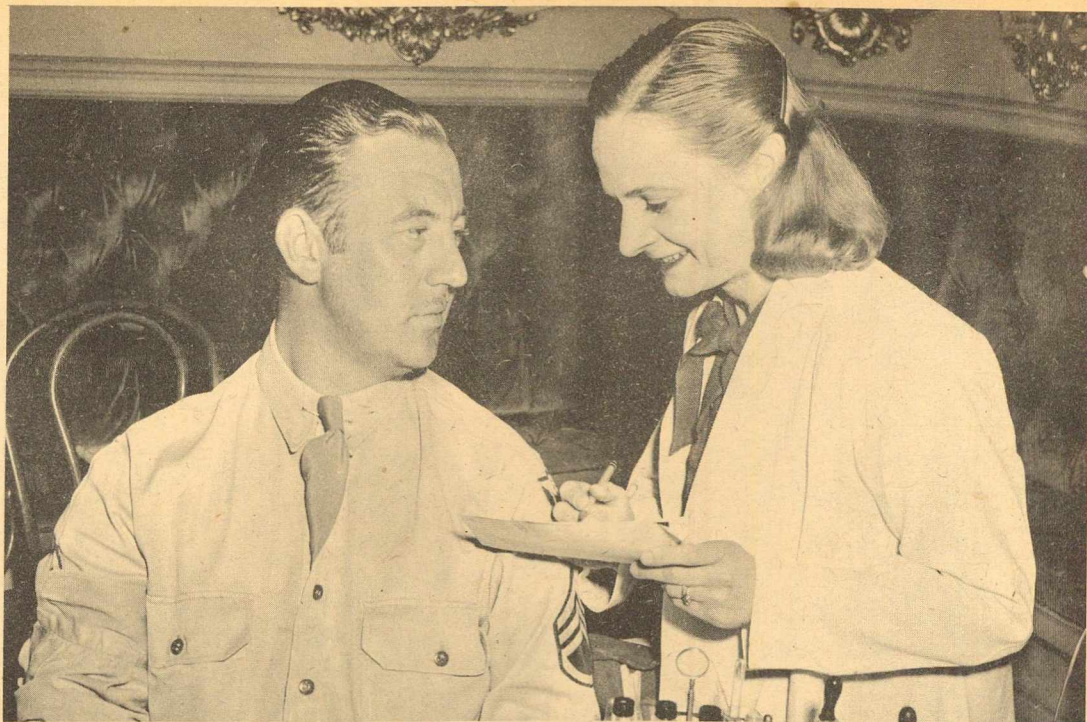
Lt. Colonel Harold L. Stewart, chief of the laboratory, reports that in three years Letterman has received about 1500 pints of blood, the majority of it whole blood with some massed blood cells.

"It has saved the lives of many of our overseas patients," said the colonel recently, adding that this hospital's requests for blood from the bank have been fulfilled in as short a time as ten minutes.

"It's sometimes very difficult for us to cross-match blood in time to meet an emergency. With the bank operating, all we have to do is call and ask for a certain type of blood and send over one of our noncommissioned officers or a responsible technician to pick it up." The bank is open all night.

Because of its frequent need for rare blood types, Letterman in the last year has been using Irwin Memorial services to a greater extent even than its own blood bank, stocked with donations of detachment members. Letterman is now trying to build up its own blood reserves with a view to being prepared for any emergency and in case the Memorial bank should be caught short.

A fall-off in donations since V-J day has made that possibility imminent, Irwin Memorial officials say. Several weeks after the Jap surrender, donations began decreasing and now are a quarter of the former monthly average, 1500. Most of these are replacements made by members of the community or their families after receiving emergency blood donations and they act only to keep supplies at a production-



Dr. Olga A. Miller, physician of Irwin Memorial Blood Bank of San Francisco County Medical Society, obtains clinical data from S/Sgt. Clarence Ferdinand of Hamilton Field prior to blood donation.

consumption balance, without hint of surplus.

And surplus is needed in the Memorial, especially now when Red Cross blood bank activities have ceased and left the Irwin Memorial to meet an even larger percentage of military and community needs, both.

The Memorial, established as a nonprofit humanitarian service to the community by the San Francisco County Medical Society, has been operating since June 1941. That first year of its existence it also performed international service by supplying incoming British ships with sufficient plasma for their crews; more than 1,000 units of plasma were distributed.

Assisting in formation of the project was another British-interested group, the British War Relief Association's medical department.

Aim of the "bank," which fulfills its double function of deposits and withdrawals, has been to furnish whole blood and plasma to the community and to San Francisco Bay region hospitals. Run as a cooperative project, the only blood bank charge is the expense of preparation.

Recipients of donations often are

unable to return the donation themselves but they are expected to replace the pint or pints of costless liquid borrowed, either through friends or relatives or through employment of professional donors.

Less drama-tinged than the bottles of rare-type whole blood that stand in the Memorial bank awaiting emergency calls from hospitals or community but just as essential is plasma, converted by the Irwin bank into frozen or dried state and stored in hospitals and other strategic points in and around San Francisco.

Qualifications exist for contributing to this cooperative community project just as they exist for contributing to any blood bank but they are as liberal as the County Medical Society can make them. Persons in good health between 21 and 60 may be blood donors and may offer their services at regular three-month intervals.

Some faithful donors have taken advantage of this opportunity for three-month regularity and many have donated eight times. Donors are urged to recruit delegations from their business organization, clubs, place of employment or neighborhood.

The process is one familiar to men and women who have been frequent blood donors during the war: Pulse, temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin tests to determine the condition of the blood; novocain into the arm to kill pain, and, finally, an inserted needle to draw off the blood through a tube into a bottle. After a ten-minute rest, a medical auxiliary or AWVS member serves refreshments.

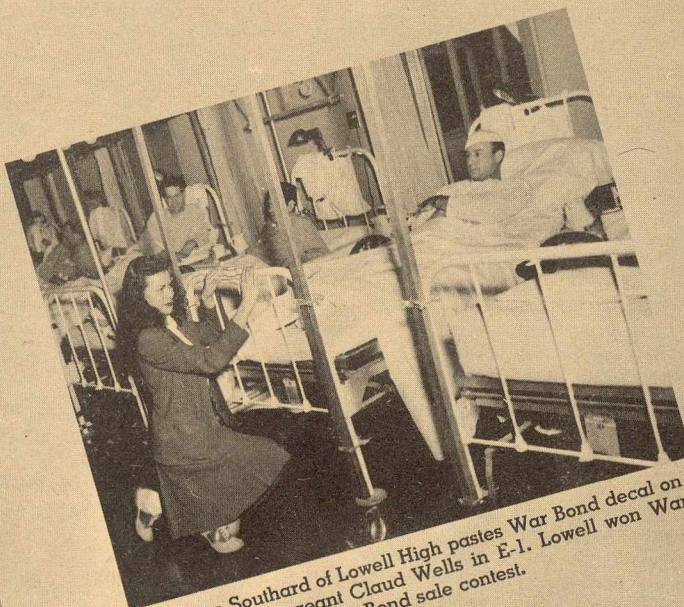
The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank is housed with the San Francisco County Medical Society headquarters at the Irwin home, 2180 Washington street. Both the canteen, where post-donation refreshments are served, and the motor corps are staffed by the medical society's auxiliary, assisted by members of the American Women Voluntary Services.

The commission managing the operation of the blood bank is composed of the following doctors of the county medical society: Curtis E. Smith, chairman; T. Henshaw Kelly, secretary treasurer; J. C. Geiger; Chester L. Cooley; A. J. J. Rourke, John F. Upton, DeWitt K. Burnham, Edmund Butler, Clayton Lyon, James B. McNaught, Adelbert M. Moody and Harry A. Wyckoff.

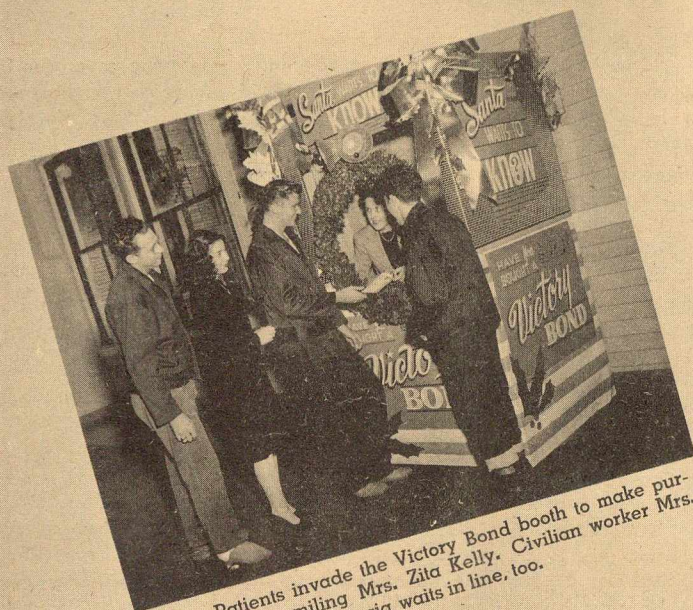
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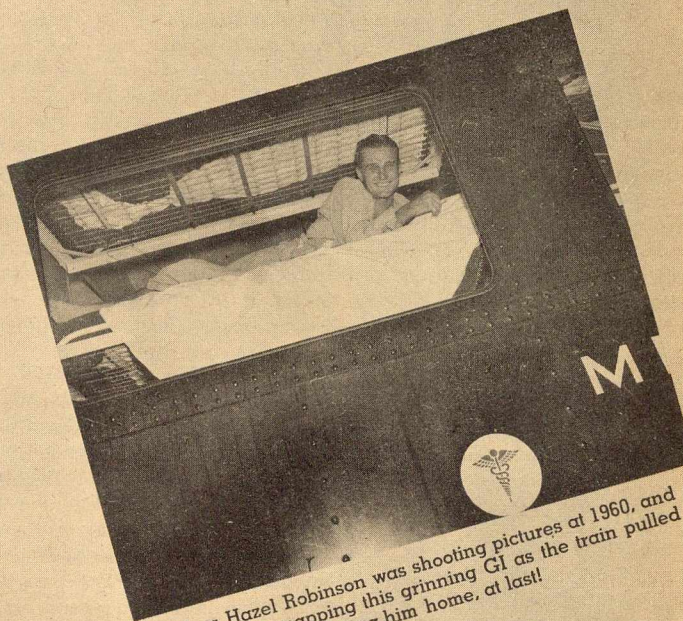
General Hillman congratulates Capt. Eleanor O'Neill after presenting her with Bronze Star. Major T. E. Robinson, Capt. W. B. Meek and Cpl. A. R. Miller received the Order of the Purple Heart.



Caroline Southard of Lowell High pastes War Bond decal on bed of Staff Sergeant Claud Wells in E-1. Lowell won War War Bond sale contest.



Eager Patients invade the Victory Bond booth to make purchases from smiling Mrs. Zita Kelly. Civilian worker Mrs. Garcia waits in line, too.



Lens-lass Hazel Robinson was shooting pictures at 1960, and couldn't resist snapping this grinning GI as the train pulled out, taking him home, at last!

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EDITORIAL

United Nations

City-proud delegations from San Francisco and New York, struggling against each other to obtain the permanent United Nations Organization, may know their Chamber of Commerce bulletins from cover to cover but they need a short refresher course in the purpose of the world organization, it appears.

The aim of UNO, in case the bickering delegations have difficulty remembering back to last May, is to create a world free of warfare and keep it that way.

They are contributing to this aim beautifully. They are diverting energies that should go towards making the organization work, wherever it should be, into a bitter contest to keep the structure at home. In their own small way the feuding delegations are fanning quiet blue flames of dissension.

Foreign elements, looking to the United States for leadership towards peace, are seeing, instead, internal rivalries. They are seeing the minor greeds and jealousies of which wars are born.

UNO delegation members have to be informed, evidently, that the world organization is not primarily a tourist attraction or a commercial venture; it is the main hope of preserving a world that will allow tourists and commerce to go on existing.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: S/Sgt. Otto Stewart and T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox, appointed T/Sgts.; Sgts. Bernhard H. Oltmann, Glenn A. Jukes, Cleofante T. Tierno and John P. De Martini, appointed S/Sgts.; Cpls. Lorrene A. Bechard, Robert Bieler, William Ducorsky, Frank J. Malsom, Arthur A. Stockman, Emory E. Ethington, Wilbur Covington, Frederick W. Kriel, William J. Newkirk, Ralph C. Woolard, Don H. Smith, George F. Dorn, Arthur A. Mahoney, Robert E. Record and Carlos J. Esqueda appointed Sergeants; Pvts. Ernest L. Anderson, Thomas J. Callahan, John E. Davis, Otto W. Gauger, Joseph Kraynik, Ellis C. Thacker, John A. Lesko, Roy W. Conley, Donald Floto, William C. Martin, William Van Vliet, Howard Daniels, Jordan D. Fowler, Curtis D. Hendricks, Raymond V. Pierson and Marvin G. Looslie appointed Cpls.

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "Little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the separation point during the last week: T/Sgt. Jack A. Adams, T/3rd Gr. Dwight L. Morgan, S/Sgts. Hal A. Cambell, and Lawrence E. Pearson; Sgts. Milton A. McGrady, Claudie R. Johnson and Woodrow H. Schenebeck; Cpls. William L. Knoller, Earl R. Allen, Herbert L. Montgomery, Osee L. Montgomery, Bing Young, Bennie R. Stevens, Paul J. Merck, Robert H. Northcott, Thomas D. Shaunessy, Howard F. Dover, Robert E. Greely, and Ben B. Lurye; Pvts. Richard L. Harrison, Herbert D. Chumley, Edward R. Greene, Irvine R. Tucker, Frederick A. Schmuck, Pete F. Bono, Stuart C. Burnett, Burke H. Gorman, Samuel A. Eriz, Steve Makropoulos, Manuel J. Candido, John F. Fijak, Nick Martinez, Abel Pina, Edwin H. Mangels, Clifton G. Walraven, Mowyer C. Stump and James K. Shutts.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

M/Sgt. Harry G. Thomas finding out that the Wilcox's "sure thing" is not only a failure but is helping

THE OBSERVER SAW

Major Thomas Broderick trading greetings in the PX with Frederick Anderson, an alumnus of our surgical staff.

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Sgt. Jeanne Riha denting her bank account for furlough funds.

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Lt. Claude McBay on his way to the hospital, for a tonsillectomy, briefing Lt. Tyre Watson on his Aide duties.

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Major Cockerill telling about the ducks that got away—and the delicious one that didn't.

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Lt. Col. Eugene Mullins from Ninth Service Command Hdqtrs. sampling the coffee in the grill during a quick visit.

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Lt. Frances Peterson trying to figure out how to get in the bond booth . . . the building boys forgot to put a door in it!

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Capt. Parrish reporting the quietest evening in years . . . he was Emergency Adjutant Thursday night—and didn't receive a single phone call!

Brigadier General J. M. Willis, Surgeon of the Mid-Pacific passing through Letterman on his way to a new assignment.

Germany to Become Bush League Nation

Frankfort (CNS) — Plans to strip Germany of her war-making potential, which will leave the Reich as a 3d rate power, were outlined at the military government conference here. Between the damage wrought by air raids and artillery fire and the economic dismemberment of the country, it was stated, a lowered standard of living for the German people will be inevitable. Efforts to halt inflation were also discussed.

the 4th million at Bay Meadows.

S/Sgt. Joseph P. Sansone once again behind his desk in the Messing Center after an emergency furlough.

Sgt. Daniel J. Mahoney trying to play Cupid by telling Letterman's most eligible bachelor the joys of married life, but getting nowhere.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, November 18, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. A. L. Sachar Guest Speaker

Dr. A. L. Sachar, Executive Director of the National Hillel Foundation and noted historian and lecturer will be the guest speaker at a special Thanksgiving Military Service that has been arranged by the Jewish Chaplains of the San Francisco Bay Area in cooperation with the Board of Rabbis of Northern California and the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The service, to be held at the Temple Sherith Israel, California and Webster Streets, Thursday, November 22, at 11 A. M. will be conducted by Chaplains H. Cerf Straus, Harry Z. Zwelling, Solomon Bernards and Myer Siegel representing the Military and by Rabbis Elliot Burstein and Morris Goldstein. Also participating will be Cantor Benjamin Liederman and the Temple Choir.

All military personnel are invited to attend this special Thanksgiving service. The service is open to all.

In addition the National Jewish Welfare Board has available a number of invitations to Holiday Thanksgiving dinners and has also arranged to have a turkey buffet supper served at Council House, 2129 California Street, in San Francisco from 4 P. M. on.

In the evening there will be a Thanksgiving dance at the Emanu-El Residence Club, 300 Page Street, sponsored by the Emanu-El Club.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JULIA M. HECKLEY
Corporal

Cheerfully and casually Cpl. Julia M. Heckley, patient at Dante annex and one of the first group of air Wacs in Italy, told of a year overseas, first in the dust-rich and water-scarce deserts of North Africa, later in oft-bombed Italy but concluded without hesitation that I'd go through it again for the experience."

A resident of Los Angeles, Cpl. Heckley was secretary to several attorneys there before May 1943 when she joined the WAAC. August of that year remains one of her red-letter dates for she was chosen as one of 150 non-coms to represent the women's army in Canada at the time of the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting there. American women, alongside of women of the Canadian army, paraded together in Montreal.

Following training at Daytona Beach, Fla., Cpl. Heckley went overseas in December with 450 Wacs. Of these, 110 were attached to the 15th Air Force headquarters. Training, strenuous though it was, did not frighten the girls, Cpl. Heckley said.

"The only time we really got a little worried about going over was at the POE when we'd talk to the fellows who started out and got torpedoed. They'd come back and tell us, 'We started out but didn't get very far.'"

When the girls left, it was on a ship well equipped with radar. They reached Casablanca in six days but, when they debarked, had no opportunity for the thoughts traditionally supposed to accompany landing on foreign soil.

"We didn't have much of a chance to think. We were too busy with our helmets and overcoats and gas masks and full packs and the two blankets looped around our necks like horse shoes."

Living was not easy, even for the month they were in North Africa. The girls slept on mattress covers

Oil Jobs Will Increase After Auto Reconversion

By Camp Newspaper Service

Part of a Series on Post-War Opportunities

Before the war, more than 1,000,000 persons, mostly men, were employed in the petroleum industry. When the shooting began, the industry shrunk to some extent, but now it is slowly expanding and in a few years should afford greater employment than ever before. Which is something for the job-hunting vet to think over.

Approximately three-fourths of the industry's personnel are concerned with the marketing and sales of petroleum products; here most jobs will be available. However, sales of oil and gas will not reach their peak until motor vehicle conversion has been completed and there is a normal supply of trucks, cars, tractors, farm machinery, and road-building and tires.

Gas Stations Profitable

Many vets will find operation of a service station, when the time comes, congenial and remunerative. The trend is toward more elaborate stations which sell considerable merchandise in addition to fuel and lubricants. On the other hand, many pre-war hot dog stands and such which sold gas as a sideline have gone out of business and will stay out.

filled with grass, washed in helmets of water given them during a half-hour daily period.

On arrival in Italy, they found their hotel had been bombed previously and the windows were missing. The girls learned to expect almost nightly air raid alarms though they were never actually bombed. They would gather on the marble steps of the hotel and wait for the disturbance to die down.

"You just become negative, that's all," was how Cpl. Heckley described the general reaction. "And after it's over, you heave a big sigh and go back to bed."

As a member of the signal section of headquarters company, she learned in advance of all the air raid alerts, submitted to headquarters by telephone and teletype.

A year after she sailed, Cpl. Heckley came home to be given medical attention for a bone cyst in her arm. She was operated on at Santa Ana AAF Regional and Convalescent Hospital, had a furlough at home and came to Letterman about two weeks ago.

Cpl. Heckley is undecided about the future. She is fairly certain of one thing though: "I think I'm through with doing a man's work. It's all right in war but now I want to settle down and do a woman's."

J. K. Skillings, sales manager for the Texas Co, says that a station with a 7200-gallon-per-month sales, run by 2 men full time and one working part time, will net its owner \$300 a month. Such a volume, he says, is somewhat better than average.

Some stations are company-owned, but most are independently-operated. In either case, the oil companies make every effort to help the man in selecting his station and in marketing his product. If a man looks like a good bet to one of the companies, they may set him up in business with little or no capital of his own, according to Skillings.

Working conditions are pleasant, and not dangerous. Most of it is out-of-doors, which is healthful but sometimes means exposure to extreme weather. There is little heavy pressure except at rush periods. On the other hand, hours are generally long.

Job Range Is Wide

The range of other jobs in petroleum is varied, and, according to Eugene Holman, president of Standard Oil (N. J.), include accountants, bookkeepers, drillers, roughnecks (drillers' helpers), geologists, salesmen, seamen, cooks, aviators, advertising men, secretaries, clerks, traffic men, safety experts, firemen, stillmen, machinists, pipefitters, pumpers, truck drivers, riggers, steelworkers, and many others.

A limited number of servicemen trained in radar, electronics, radio, and mine detection may find jobs in research activities planned to speed the cross-country flow of oil through automatic control.

Oil companies are expected to take over a number of government-made tankers for their own use, and crews to man them will be needed. Whether this will mean jobs for vets, however, is questionable, since the war necessitated the training of thousands of merchant seamen. Employment increases in refineries, which are situated in 32 states, will be slight.

Oil offers certain general advantages. There will be no reconversion problem. The business is stable, with low labor turnover, and many companies have sickness, accident, and death benefits, paid vacations, and pensions.

Oil economists, according to Holman, predict that by 1950 the demand for oil will be even higher than it has been during the war. There will be more autos, more gas-powered farm equipment, greater air travel and heating of buildings by oil, increased road-building, airport runway construction, and air conditioning, more ships powered by oil instead of coal, and more use of by-products such as cosmetics, insecticides, medicinal products, all of which will boost the national consumption of oil products.

ON THE SPOT



ARTHUR M. MOONEY
Staff Sergeant

When Staff Sergeant Arthur M. Mooney stepped up to accept his Purple Heart medal from Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman last Saturday morning, he was receiving more than an award in recognition of wounds received in action last July in Normandy, France; he was receiving also his passport to civilian life and to liberty.

For the beribboned medal meant to Sgt. Mooney the extra five points that pushed his discharge score over the hump, from 59 to 64 and a discharge. The sergeant, assigned for the last two months to the Army Ground Force liaison office at Letterman, was expecting to be processed this week.

He was also planning, shortly after the award last week, to take a trip to Palo Alto and make arrangements for going back to school; in a year and a half he figures he can get his master's degree in business administration from Stanford.

Slightly more than two years ago, Sergeant Mooney, a San Francisco resident, was graduated from the University of California and two months later entered the Army. His was a cyclonic Army career. After training here from August until the following April, he went overseas, as a squad leader in the infantry, and was stationed in England a month and a half.

Seven days after D-day he landed in France, moved inland in the wake of earlier advancing troops. He was among 30 men to break through German lines at St. Lo only to find themselves encircled when the enemy closed the gap.

In groups of two's the Americans tried to escape; Sergeant Mooney's companion was machine gunned and he himself was hit by shrapnel but moved on until he met about 10 armed Germans—or rather, they met him. He was taken to a division

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WAC

T/4th Gr. Genevieve A. Leonard, Wac veteran of the European war and a detachment member since June, died Monday morning in Ward P of LGH where she had been a patient almost continuously for more than three months.

Sgt. Leonard, a cadre member for several weeks before illness forced her into the hospital, became known to many detachment members through her work and to many others through the appreciative thank-you note she sent a group of girls who had ordered flowers for her.

In April 1944 Sgt. Leonard left the states; she was in the United Kingdom from April until October when she went to France and remained there, with the finance department, until January of this year. While at Fort Des Moines, she served as chaplain's assistant.

The body is being sent back to Kansas for burial.

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The desperate state of San Francisco housing got another proof, if added proof is needed, at 1 a.m., Monday when two Wacs, en route from Camp Beale to Oregon and Louisiana assignments, tripped in, searching for a bunk after having unsuccessfully tramped from city hotel to hotel. Helpful MP's guided the girls to the Wac barracks where the girls got shelter for the night.

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T/5th Gr. Gloria Walsh, who says she is "going to make a home for my husband for the first time since our marriage," was expecting to leave Thursday for Camp Beale to be discharged. Her husband was recently discharged from the AAF; they have been married 16 months.

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It may take a derrick, with the help of the bugle and the cannon, to get them up every other morning but upstairs 214 was astir bright and very early Monday, the Armistice Day holiday.

Awakened by a ringing alarm clock, the girls, realizing there was no reveille to hurry them along, made a point of whizzing through their morning duties at double-time speed. They were finishing when someone discovered that the alarm clock was an hour fast; they had risen, on their holiday, at 4:30.

LGH PHOTO LAB BRIGHTENED BY HUMOR OF REPARTEE-SHARP WAC



HAZEL ROBINSON
T/3rd Gr.

Hazel Robinson, who since last July has been romping through LGH corridors with a photo lab camera in one hand and a canvas bag of jingling flash bulgs slung over a shoulder, has only a few more weeks of entreating subject to "watch the birdie," she figures.

By the beginning of December the points qualifying Wacs for discharge should be down to 32, very definitely including Hazel, a member of the women's component of the Army since January, 1943.

When she came to LGH in July, the small repartee-sharp Wac sergeant was an experienced photographer; she received all that experience in the Army. She got her start at Camp Abbott, Oregon, where she was first assigned as secretary to the adjutant of the hospital.

"You know how, when you join, you have to write down hobbies," she pointed out in explaining her transfer to the photo lab. "Well, I had to put down something so I said photography." The fact that she'd never snapped a picture, not even with the sturdiest Brownie, didn't disturb Hazel. She learned by ex-

perience.

Her first picture, a platoon of men served breakfast in bed for taking the highest mass rifle score, made Portland and Seattle newspapers; she was a success.

For a year and a half Hazel was at Camp Abbott; then her whole camp, 350 girls and a two-dog, five-cat assortment of pets, moved to Fort Lewis, Washington, where she continued working in the photo lab. Last February Hazel came to Fort Scott, was on temporary duty a while with the Signal Corps and was finally transferred to Letterman.

Her post-army career is all settled for Hazel. She plans to be married to Capt. George Rogers, who returned last July after 40 months in the Pacific with the famed Red Arrow division and is here now waiting his fiancée's discharge. Both of them are from Massachusetts and will head back there to live.

And if the above picture of Hazel is a little blurred, or isn't there at all, you'll know she did what she threatened to do—took it herself and couldn't get back to her seat in time after she'd snapped the shutter.

The Stork Was Here

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Mark Novik, a daughter, **Andrea Fae**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 5 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. F. R. Fitzgerald, a daughter, **Frances Gene**, weight 5 pounds and 5 ounces, born 6 November.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Joe Parma, a daughter, **Patty Jo**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 6 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Fred W. Green, a daughter, **Laura Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 7 November.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. L. Lewis, a son, **Richard Norman**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 7 November.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. L. E. Kribs, a daughter, **Darlene Carol**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 8 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Fred Huebner, a daughter, **Claudette Ellen**, weight 4 pounds and 12 ounces, born 8 November.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William A. Mondy, a son, **Dean Allen**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 8 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Raga W. Bennett, a son, **Brian Rhea**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 8 November.

To Maj. and Mrs. Howard B. Sprague, a son, **Kent Merriman**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 9 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Clyde L. Knight, a son, **Gary Alan**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 9 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Paul C. Labbee, a daughter, **Sharon**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 10 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James C. Robinson, a daughter, **Nancy Christine**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 10 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Wesley B. Clay, a son, **Charles Teague**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 11 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James Y. Austin, a daughter, **Virginia Sue**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 11 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Charles J. Franz, a daughter, **Susan Marie**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 11 November.

CIVIL CIRCLES

'Twas the morning after our three-day Armistice Holiday and we were wandering around the installation looking for news. All of our personnel were busy as beavers and hardly glanced up from their work as we made the rounds. The Ramp Section has moved into our building and are a lively addition. From there we went to Recon and found strong, silent Llewellyn Crandall carrying on in his blue beret. Champion Nixon was glowing with pride as he fondly removed some excellent pieces of work from his kiln. His eager students had really outdone themselves and turned out some very artistic work.

Next we went to the Laundry where we found Mrs. Parry with a stunning new hair-do. She said that they're always taking their hands out of the soapsuds to answer the phone and inquiries on the Laundry service, but undaunted, are going ahead full speed. We ran into Wilhelmmina "Billy" Kiest driving a truck in colorful fuschia slacks.

The most glamorous place in the hospital as far as we're concerned is the mess. After wending our way through a maze of beef hanging from hooks, we finally got to the office. Major Clayton was personally supervising the finishing touches on the fruit-cake. We're thinking seriously of transferring to his Branch. The patients will eat 750 lbs. of the succulent cake and the Thanksgiving menu is truly something to write home about. Millie Ross, Jean Davis and Mary Danicich were all drooling over the prospect of sampling the yummy goodies and will undoubtedly gain pounds between now and New Year's Eve.

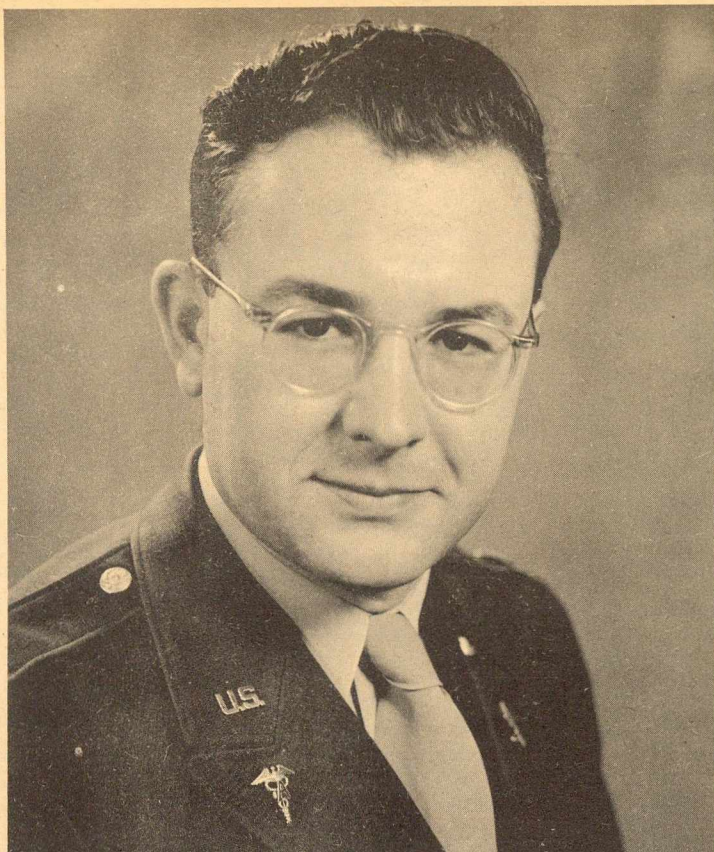
The newest thing up at CPB is Esther Grobler's turquoise blue sweater, which we're going to steal as soon as she takes it off.

In the PX we bumped into Marian Haskill looking like a page from Harper's in her mink coat. At this point the coffee crowd started to arrive, so we decided to call it quits until next week.

Service Center in Manila Is Biggest Club in Town

Manila (CNS)—The Roosevelt Club—the largest Red Cross service center in Manila—has been opened on the ruins of the old jai-alai fronton here. It cost \$500,000, took 7 months to build and is the biggest club in the city. Its membership is restricted—to GIs.

CHIEF OF LGH SEPARATION CENTER SPEEDS DISCHARGEES ON THEIR WAY



ROGERS COX
Second Lieutenant

Second Lieutenant Rogers Cox, who lived in seven different states in civilian life and since coming to Letterman has moved around from office to office almost as many times, heads the vital LGH separation center and heads it admirably, his loyal staff asserts.

The stalwart medical department officer was at Fort Lewis, Wash., weapon school before being assigned expecting to go overseas; instead he to Letterman last February and was came back here to be in charge of a department that discharges men back from overseas.

Formerly an agent for John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in Cleveland, Lt. Cox has always enjoyed working with people and he enjoys the contact, none the less, in his Army job.

It is tough, though, he admits upon questioning, to have to watch while the stream of beaming dischargees passes through the processing line. "I wish I could go with them," he says, more than a little wistfully, ruffling through a pile of

official-looking papers.

Since he came to San Francisco, his wife and three-year-old daughter also moved here from the East. They are all planning to live in San Jacinto when Lt. Cox returns to civilian life.

The lieutenant was silent on the topic—at least at first—but his helpful staff of service personnel and civilians looked up from their typewriters and sheaves of paper to tell of Lt. Cox's bread-baking experience of several days ago.

Unwilling to go romping from store to store to locate a loaf of bread during the bakers' strike, Lt. Cox hit upon what he thought was a simpler solution, making it himself. He'd never before attempted it but that didn't bother Lt. Cox.

In a mere four or five hours he pulled several loaves of bread, hot and steaming, from the oven. They were good, he adds modestly. His office is worrying about the effect a possible automobile-makers' strike would have on their chief.

Lt. Cox is a graduate of Washing-



Guest of honor at the 300-guest Veterans' ball last Friday at the Civic Memorial auditorium was 1st Lt. Dorcas A. Barondes who described the festive occasion, at which she spoke briefly, as "very beautiful, very colorful and quite a thrill."

Five LGH nurses spent the Armistice Day holiday packing their bags preparatory to transferring Monday to other California hospitals. They are 2nd Lt. Mary Ramirez, who went to Fort Rosecrans; Eleanor Kerr, to Fort Baker; Mayde Curtis to Fort Ord; Irene Faus to Dibble and Doris Comer to Camp Roberts.

As the five left, two new additions to the ANC staff arrived. They are 1st Lt. Alverna Marrs, anaesthetist from Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, and 2nd Lt. Martha Bengel, recently returned from overseas.

Newly separated from the Army through the administration building's second floor processing line are 1st Lts. Anna Glover and Aurella Paulin.

Lt. Glover, stationed at Letterman since June, was overseas for a year, returning last February from the Pacific. Her home is Kentucky.

Lt. Paulin, an LGH nurse since May, spent 15 months in England. She was born in Canada and trained in Ontario, entering the Army at Letterman in January 1943.

Also separated this week was a Dante nurse, 2nd Lt. Mary C. Pena, recently married.

Last week three additional nurses were separated: 1st Lts. Mary E. Koontz and Leonora Funseth and 2nd Lt. Careta Harrod.

On leave this week are 2nd Lt. Christine Kennedy, Captain Elizabeth E. Foster, and 2nd Lt. June D. Harris. Second Lt. Norma J. Wood recently returned to duty after a leave.

ton Lee University, Lexington, Va. He majored in history, English and accounting, the last of which he did following graduation. While at school, Lt. Cox was houseman for his fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma, worked in the business offices on his school newspaper and yearbook, and belonged to the swimming team.

Veterans Do Not Want Jeeps in Civilian Life

NEW YORK, N. Y. (ALNS) — Veterans do not want jeeps, but do want trucks and regular automobiles, according to the Smaller Plants Corporation office here, which is receiving applications for surplus military supplies. The applications they have received are notable for the fact that the veterans have no love for jeeps and want no part of them in their civilian picture, it is announced.

Too Old for School? Consider Mrs. Ada King

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (ALNS) — The attention of war veterans who may think they are too old to go back to school is called to the case of Mrs. Ada King, who at the age of 81 has registered at the University of Rochester to take the course in philosophy. She is the oldest coed on the campus.

5-Star Rank for Keeps May Go to Six Officers

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS) — The Senate Military Affairs Committee has reported favorably a bill to give permanent five-star rank to Generals of the Army George C. Marshall, Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Admirals of the Navy William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King and Chester W. Nimitz.

MORE ABOUT ON THE SPOT

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MP station and, later evacuated to Luckenwald camp, 30 miles south of Berlin. On April 22 "the Russians with their big rumbling tanks came rumbling in," and the prisoners, mostly Yanks, were freed. "They couldn't do enough for the Americans," said the sergeant of his liberators.

Sergeant Mooney and five others, tired of confinement, took off. By horses, bikes, foot-travel, via Russian vehicles and an American armored car, they managed to find their way, 80 or 100 miles away, to American lines. Flown to Le Havre, they were shipped back home.

Back in the states June 12, Sergeant Mooney had a 60 day furlough before being assigned to Letterman early in September. His home is 1223 Noe Street in San Francisco.



Warmin' the Bench

The Low-Down

Down on Jacobs Beach, that little stretch of asphalt heaven where fight folk oggle at the sun, the word is out that both Joe Louis and Billy Conn are woe-fully out of shape for their "match of the century" next June.

Stanley Woodward, the New York Herald Tribune scribe who saw Conn fight an exhibition in London last year, says that Billy the Kid is slow, fat, paunchy and totally lacking in the classy footwork and finesse which carried him 13 rounds with Louis the last time they met.

Other observers, who have peered through cigar smoke at Louis during his stint in the Army, have found that the champion isn't the same fellow who knocked out Conn in 1941. He looks like another guy entirely.

Mike Jacobs, the man with the free-wheeling teeth, doesn't subscribe to these views, however. "Both boys," says Mike, "are in the pink. The fight will gross \$3,000,000."

The Evil Eye

The 2d Air Force Superbombers who operate out of Colorado Springs with a football team that includes Frankie Sinkwich, Ray Evans and Bulldog Turner in its lineup, was picked by this usually unreliable department as the strongest eleven in the country a couple of weeks ago.

Having received the kiss of death, the Superbombers immediately lost half their first 6 games and the services of Sinkwich, who cracked up a knee in a game against the El Toro Marines and is on the shelf for the rest of the year.

The Olive Branch to Brancho

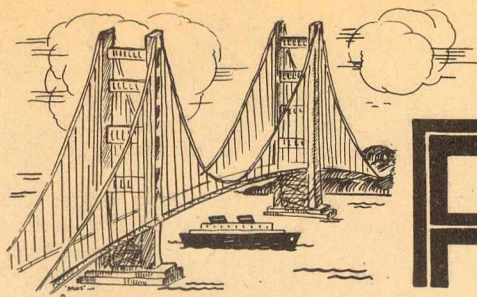
Some kind of an award for courage, foresight and conduct becoming an American sportsman should be extended to Branch Rickey, the platitudinous boss of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who has just acquired the first Negro ball player ever signed to a contract in organized baseball.

The player is Jackie Robinson, a shortstop and former 4-letter star at the University of California at Los Angeles. He will play for the Montreal Royals, a Dodger farm club in the fast-moving International League. The pontifical Brancho—to his everlasting credit—signed Robinson without resorting to the subterfuge and bunk which once characterized a similar deal made by the late John McGraw, who acquired a Negro to play for the Giants, then tried to palm the fellow off as an Indian.

We wouldn't say Susie ain't bright, but until she got a job in the Finance Office she always thought assets were baby donkeys.

—The Cycle, Ft. McClellan, Ala.





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Miss Helen Keller Is Planning Return Visit to Letterman

From her home in Westport, Connecticut, Miss Helen Keller, one of the most beloved personalities in contemporary American, telephoned by long distance this week to General Hillman expressing her intention of paying another visit to Letterman early in the new year.

The previous visit of Miss Keller took place in December last and on that occasion she was shown through every department of the hospital and made addresses to the patients and to the professional staff. The highlight of the visit, in Miss Keller's opinion, was the opportunity to eat with the patients in the General Mess Hall.

What Miss Keller has done to overcome almost insuperable handicaps has been a source of inspiration to the men who have been maimed in the world war. Her presence in a group of wounded veterans gives birth to renewed hope of surmounting any obstacle resulting from bomb or bullet on the field of battle.

When Miss Keller comes to Letterman she will again be accompanied by her loyal and devoted secretary - companion, Miss Polly Thomson, who with Miss Keller made so many friends during the previous visit. For several years past Miss Keller has volunteered to make a round of visits to Army hospitals where veterans of this war are undergoing treatment. She has done this with the full approval and appreciation of the Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk, who has had many opportunities to observe the results in high morale following the meetings with Miss Keller.



Major JOSEPHINE MOTL, ANC
Who left Letterman this week on terminal leave

MAJOR MOTL LEAVES FOR RETIREMENT

Major Josephine Motl, who has been the Principal Chief Nurse at Letterman for the past two years, left for her home in Madison, Wisconsin, this week on terminal leave of absence prior to reverting to retired status.

Miss Motl had previously retired in 1939 after more than 20 years service in the Regular Army Nurse Corps and was called back to active duty in 1942 with station at Truax Field where she served until assigned to Letterman.

Letterman underwent its greatest expansion during the tour of Major Motl and her efficient supervision of the nursing staff helped to establish the high reputation this hospital holds among the patients who made their first stop on home soil at Letterman.

Major Motl carries with her into retired life the best wishes of the personnel of this command as well as the genuine affection of the nurses who had the good fortune to serve under her command.

Famous Artists Ply Brushes in LGH Wards

Five famous San Francisco artists brought their pens and paint brushes to Letterman last Friday to decorate the casts of patients in D-1, E-1, and B-1.

Beginning in E-1 were Wiley Smith, cartoonist for the Examiner, Tommy Thompson, cartoonist for the Call-Bulletin, Hal Goldman, Merlin Hardy and Al Banner, artists whose work is featured at the exclusive Gumps shop.

Each man chose a cast, and went to work asking the patient what his hobby is, or if there were anything special he'd like drawn on the restraining plaster. Some of the men chose feminine motifs, and soon blonde and brunette beauties appeared where there was nothing before but a few pencilled telephone numbers.

Some of the patients preferred sports pictures, so Smith and Thompson went to work with India ink, drawing football players tackling each other all the way across a chest cast.

In B-1, one of the patients had a body cast that somehow reminded Merlin Hardy of a sturdy tree, so he painted one with blue birds fluttering around the top branches.

In the other bed in the same room was a young soldier on his way to a Texas hospital—so Hal Goldman drew him a terrific cowboy in technicolor!

In D-1, the patriotic note was brought in when Al Banner covered an entire chest cast with a screaming American eagle, and a plea to Buy War Bonds. All the artists had such a good time, they plan to come back soon. The official name for this kind of art, by the way, is Eephus-Jeeplus!

Magnificent Mess Means Much to The Men at Letterman

The very life-line of the hospital is its mess, because the digestions and dispositions of the patients and the detachment members depend largely on the quality of their food and how it is prepared.

Letterman is well known for its excellent mess, and its extremely high standard has been constantly maintained in spite of the delivery strikes, and personnel problems that have beset the department.

The man in charge of our seven mess halls is tall, dark and handsome Major Rex. P. Clayton, who has been here since September, 1940. Before that, he was a member of the faculty of the College of Pharmacy, University of Idaho.

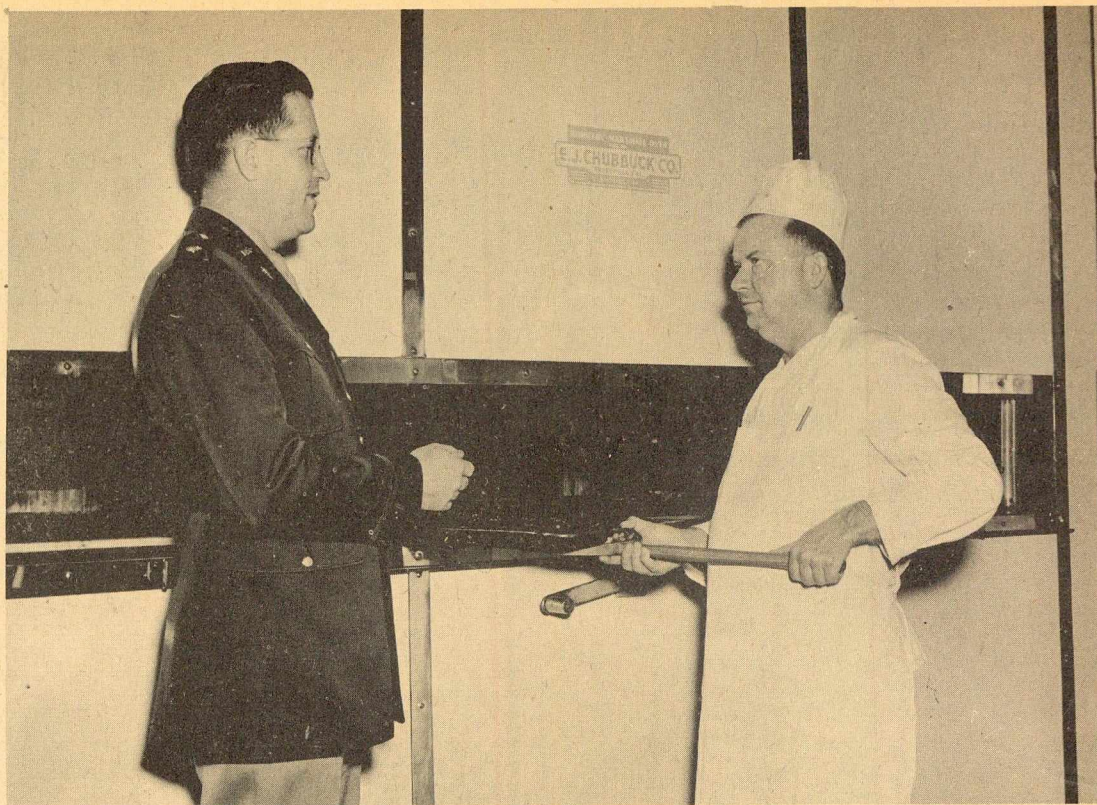
Major Clayton runs his department from an especially attractive office featuring two restful water colors on the half-green walls. His hobby, incidentally, is magic, which comes in handy when he has to pull a few hundred milk cartons or loaves of bread out of thin air.

He prefaced the interview with special words of praise for the unsung heroes of the mess set-up—the mess personnel who work nights and holidays, fighting the hot stoves while everyone else is relaxing and preparing to enjoy the meals they're cooking. For Thanksgiving, for instance, some of the cooks arrived at 10:00 the night before to get the turkeys ready, and others reported at 2:00 in the morning, and worked right through until after noon!

Major Clayton has three MAC assistants—Capt. Evald Clausen, Lt. John Miller and Lt. Stephan Walsh—to help him handle the administrative duties. They must arrange to feed patients and military personnel, and the number varies from as few as 1,000 to 6,000.

The Major orders all staple items on a monthly basis. For November, for instance, the list runs partly as follows: Potatoes—35,000 pounds; butter—7,500 pounds; veal—7,000 pounds; beef quarters—12,000 pounds; for Thanksgiving, a special order for turkeys was placed for 3,000 pounds.

The egg order reaches fantastic sums—96,000 eggs are used here every month. A wide variety of meat is ordered—bacon, beef, smoked ham, liver, pork, veal, frankfurters, link sausage, bologna, salami, liver-wurst and chicken.



SPECIAL OVEN FOR PASTRY

Major Rex Clayton inspecting the bake sheet of Brownies being placed in the revolving oven by Sgt. James R. Lewis. A special oven, it holds eight long trays that continuously revolve. Filled to capacity, it can hold 192 pies.

Fresh vegetables and other perishables are ordered on a daily basis. Three thousand to 4,000 quarts of milk a day is the usual amount, and 600 pounds of bread is an average order. The vegetables are purchased in equally large quantities.

The menus are planned about two weeks in advance, and how much meat, and dairy products will be used has to be estimated that far ahead. Trained dietitians plan the meals for variety and nutrition, and Major Clayton approves their plans at their meetings. He is allowed \$.75 for each patient's daily meals—which means he must provide the best possible food, cooked in the best possible way, for \$.25 per meal per day. For detachment members he is allowed \$.65 a day. A good mess depends on ingenuity, good planning and close supervision of the preparation of the food.

One of the most interesting and important divisions of the entire mess department is the pastry kitchen, presided over by a capable and conscientious baking artiste named

Sgt. James R. Lewis. Sgt. Lewis has been at Letterman 10½ years, and turns out hot dog rolls and french pastries with equal ease.

Along with pies and cakes, he makes cookies, doughnuts, coffee-cakes, snails, fruit cake, Danish pastry, and hamburger buns. On pie day, the ovens are filled with around 350, though Lewis remembers one record day when 516 pies were filled and baked. He says apple is the favorite pie, and devil's food cake with chocolate icing takes top honors in that department. There are 80 servings to one cake, and an average supply is 3,000 orders a day. In the cookie division, he usually fills the tins with 3,000 a day.

For Thanksgiving, he supervised the putting together of about 230 pumpkin pies, and 750 pounds of fruit cake. The day before that, the men turned out 3,500 hamburger buns—the record for this type of bread being 5,500, which was made one day when there was an exceptionally heavy patient load! Sgt. Lewis and his crew, we think, rate a special salute of thanks for their

delicious contribution to our diets.

The biggest problem, among the many, that Major Clayton has to face is keeping competent personnel. Cooks are discharged so rapidly, it's difficult to replace them. Various strikes have interfered constantly with the department's smooth operation, and gigantic problems have had to be solved on a moment's notice.

When the Greyhound Bus strike was in effect, many of the mess personnel couldn't get here from Marin County. Some of them had to report at different hours, so a shuttle system of transportation had to be set up for them, using Army buses.

During the bread delivery strike, special arrangements had to be made to pick up a daily supply of bread, baked for hospital use. Now the great problem is securing cartons, so we may be served milk.

In spite of all these obstacles, there has been no change in the quality of food or service, and for that, a special vote of thanks should go to Major Clayton and his willing and wonderful personnel!

Letterman Lenses Shoot News of The Week Here



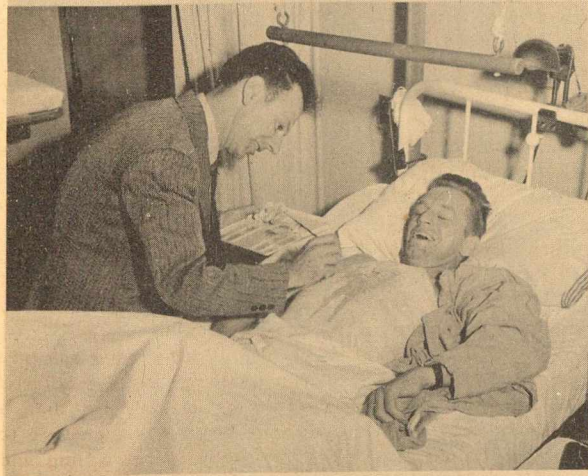
COL. JOSEPH B. GORDON, MC
Smiles his thanks to General Hillman after the award of the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services."



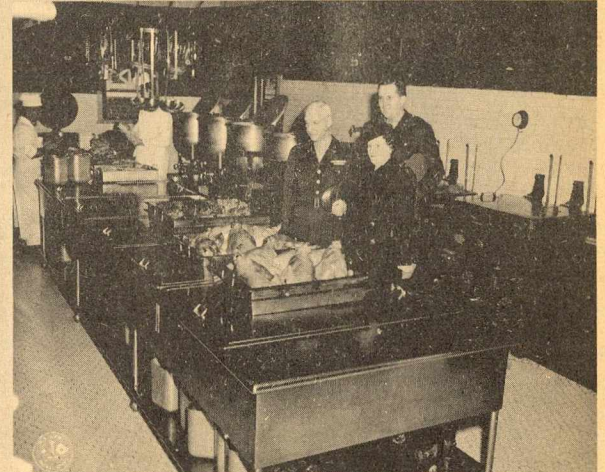
THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Receives gift of the musical score of "Spellbound" from lovely Rhonda Fleming, new Selznick actress who visited patients on wards during showing of the film in which she appears.



STANDING ROOM ONLY
For both showings of the premiere of "Spellbound" at the Rec Center. See any vacant seats?



IEEPHUS-JEEPUS
Is what artist Hal Goldman calls this sketch he is painting on the cast of Spencer Hill, of New Zealand.



GENERAL AND MRS. HILLMAN
Look over the "birds" before the big dinner.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

NO PARKING

All over America that is a familiar sign and all over America it is an injunction that is universally ignored. In most instances it is just as effective as a scare crow in keeping crows out of a planted corn patch, which is to say it has no effect at all.

Here at Letterman we have a parking problem. Almost everywhere there is a parking problem, but Letterman is planning to do something toward a solution. Space has been made available for the parking of cars belonging to military and civilian personnel on the hospital staff. Unfortunately, it is not possible to make much space available at a convenient location for everyone and some of us may have a little walk from parking space to point of duty.

The solution is to assign parking space to personnel bringing a car on the reservation. A windshield sticker will bear the number of parking space assigned—and that is where the car will be parked.

The commanding general asks the co-operation of all concerned toward the solution of the parking problem here. It is to the advantage of all to eliminate the existing confusion caused by parking all over the reservation.

The Provost Marshal has the new stickers. Get yours without delay and stick to the space assigned.



First Lieutenant Karl A. Gertenhouse paying farewell calls on his friends as he prepared to leave for Wisconsin via the Separation Point.

First Lieutenant Kathleen E. O'Connor, ANC., former Lettermanite, very much present at the Notre Dame-Northwestern game last Saturday at Evanston, and rooting for the "Irish," of course.

New twin bars on the shoulder loop of Vernola W. McCullough, long time Lettermanite now on the staff of the Director of Nurses at Washington. Congratulations from us all.

A letter from Colonel Russel H. Patterson, one time Chief of the Surgical Service here, announcing his return to civil life next month and Christmas in Georgia before settling down in New York.

Major Harold P. (Brick) Muller, in "civvies" again, and here to see some of the old timers.

Colonel Eugene E. Manning, old time leader of all discussions in the Staff Room, now on retirement leave, looking over the appointments in the new Staff Room.

Major Rex E. Clayton assuring everyone of plenty of turkey on the Thanksgiving Day menu—and putting it in print.

Lieut. Barbara Graves celebrating her birthday oh so quietly in the Dietitians' Office.

Medal of Honor

Corporal Thomas J. Kelly, Brooklyn, New York, a 7th Armored Division Medical Air man, has been awarded the Medal of Honor for his action in rescuing seventeen injured comrades in the drive to Germany last April. Corporal Kelly made ten trips through enemy fire to bring wounded off the battlefield and guide less severely wounded men to safety. He was presented the medal in a ceremony at the White House.

Medico Medals

Of the 1,400,409 decorations given in World War II in recognition of meritorious service and gallantry, six per cent were received by Medical Department personnel, according to a biennial report by General George C. Marshall. These figures are exclusive of the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.



By Irene Wallace

The Chief Nurse's office was the scene of arrivals and departures as Captain May V. Hanawalt returned to duty after a 30-day sick leave, and Captain Shirley Timewell went on a seven-day leave preparatory to going overseas. A farewell party was given for her Friday night in the Nurses' Recreation Hall.

First Lieutenant Adelaide Ramsey awarded a \$1000 bond to the holder of the lucky ticket given out with the purchase of bonds at O'Connor Moffat's on Wednesday. The drawing and presentation ceremony took place at the downtown store.

Another LGH nurse making a public appearance was 1st Lieutenant Julia Anderson, who spoke to a senior Girl Scout group.

Among recent additions to the ANC staff are 1st Lieutenants Jeanne Elizabeth Gagnon and Erma B. Gagnon. The sisters served together in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. Also newly arrived are 1st Lieutenant Anna-Mae Sloey, who was stationed in England for 10 months; 2nd Lieutenant Edith Teade, from Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, and 1st Lieutenant Rosemary Perry assigned from Camp Beale. Lieutenant Perry had been stationed at Letterman prior to being sent overseas.

First Lieutenant Eleanor A. Plymate was on her way home to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after being discharged from the LGH Separation Point. Lieutenant Plymate, stationed at Letterman since May of this year, served overseas with the 29th General Hospital.

On patient status in ward G is 2nd Lieutenant Dorothy Flannery, from Dante. First Lieutenant Mina Aasen returned to duty after a hospital stay.

On leave are 1st Lieutenant Faye Turner and 2nd Lieutenants Frances E. Dodge, Phyllis M. Brown, Jean H. Smith and Bernice J. Agar.

Battle Stars

Washington (CNS)—Units entitled to battle stars for the following campaigns are listed in WD General Orders No 85m, dated 10 Oct 45: air combat, Balkans; Air Offensive, Europe; Aleutian Islands; antisubmarine; Central Pacific; ground combat, European theater.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, November 25, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Wedding Bells

The bells of the old mission at Carmel will ring out at noon tomorrow when First Lieutenant Regina A. Burnett, A. N. C., member of the Letterman nursing staff will be united in matrimony with Captain Ludwig J. Andolsek, of Fort Mason.

First Lieutenant Mary Burnett, ANC, will be the attendant for her sister while Lieut. Joseph Norbert, will be the groomsmen. Lieut. Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, senior chaplain at Letterman, will be the officiating clergyman.

Open House

Thanksgiving was celebrated at the telephone centers at Letterman by an open house held November 22. From one o'clock to five the centers, decorated for the harvest season with autumn leaves, pumpkins, and corn, were crowded with patients and their friends. To many service men and women the telephone centers have become such a link with home that it seemed natural to spend part of the "family day" there.

Telephone girls from the San Francisco Division Sales office welcomed guests and kept a supply of refreshments and cigarettes in circulation. Olga Malinoff and Kay Morris were hostesses at the Solarium center and Lois Toso and Helen Ormsby at the Crissy Annex Center.

In addition to the representatives from the Division office were the good old dependables who work here day by day. At the Main Hospital Miss Kay Dirsas was in charge, while at Crissy Annex Miss Dorothy Hale and Miss Sally Silvia handled routine business as usual. Mr. Jess Holdsworth, Camp Manager, saw to it that every one visiting the Telephone Centers was made welcome.

WAC OF THE WEEK



VIRGINIA C. JOHNSON
T/4th Gr.

"I've learned everything from soup to nuts," said T/4th Gr. Virginia C. Johnson, speaking figuratively about the combination of medical and clerical training she has received since arriving here June 1.

Virginia, youthful Minneapolis-born Wac, Monday began her newest job, oxygen-tent attendant for General DeWitt; she recently completed a course in oxygen therapy.

Before that Virginia was assigned as a surgical technician in D-2 where she got experience in keeping clinical records as well as actual nursing care. In addition to her regular duties she had the opportunity, about a week ago, of acting as messenger for the service command conference on international medicine.

"I felt so lucky to be able to hear all the meetings," Virginia pointed out enthusiastically. She was also glad to have had the experience of inventory-taking at the post library.

Her whole aim, and one which is being satisfactorily fulfilled in the Wac, is getting as many different kinds of experience as possible.

Before joining the Wac, Virginia had been able to indulge that aim, but to a lesser degree. Following high school in Minneapolis, she attended business college, working part time at a local drug store. She started out by delivering supplies—and learned driving for that—and became clerk, soda jerker and finally bookkeeper and the pharmacist's assistant.

Art has been Virginia's main extra-curricular activity; she took training in commercial art after finishing her business course.

Her hobbies also include outdoor sports, all of them, from swimming to skiing. She did mountain skiing in Montana where she lived a year and a half and there learned to ride horseback, through mountain trails.

SHORTAGE IN MINING JOBS MAKE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR VETERANS

By Camp Newspaper Service
Job prospects in mining are discussed today in Camp Newspaper Service's series on post-war occupational opportunities.

The U.S. Bureau of Mines has announced a considerable program which "will spell ultimately nearly 600,000 man-years of employment, public and private." It expects to send "research workers, engineers, chemists, and other scientific men into every section of the nation to chart untouched reserves of coal, oil, shale, oil-bearing sands, zinc, lead, iron, tungsten, magnesium, and dozens of other metals."

The program will extend over several years, and, according to the Bureau's forecast, will result in "new industries by the score, new jobs by the tens of thousands, new techniques (and) new weapons for combating unemployment."

Shortage of Miners

The outlook may not be quite that bright, however, since some mining enterprises compete with others. Substitution of oil for coal in heating and in providing power for ships and locomotives, for example, might bring about a boom in the petroleum industry, but coal mining, transportation, and distribution would suffer. Jobs in each would be affected accordingly.

In October, there existed a shortage of some 45,000 anthracite and bituminous miners. Some 25,000 miners were over 65, and probably will retire, and for 4 years there had been no replacements for the 4000 men who are killed or permanently disabled

each year in mining accidents.

K. C. Adams, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, wrote CNS:

"Discharged soldiers employed in the mines who are returning to their home mining village have demonstrated that they are no longer interested in coal mining. They have been around; seen towns and cities; are ambitious to get into other work; many have met girls near their training camps to whom they have become engaged; some have been married, and for the most part these girls will not live in mining towns.

Prospects Pretty Good

"There is every reason to believe that the demand for coal for the next several years will equal output even with the addition of 75,000 more miners."

Mining is a line in which vets not formerly employed, are unlikely to enter, but for those who want to return, the prospect is pretty good. There is virtually no chance, however, for disabled vets, since mines are now unable to absorb men injured in mine accidents.

In copper, an optimistic outlook is taken by E. O. Sowerwine, vice-president, Anaconda Copper Mining Co, who says that despite uncertainties with regard to price control, wages, and government stockpiling of strategic materials, "our operations are now in need of many more employees." He adds that Anaconda expects "to continue operations at a high rate and possibly at a much higher rate than that now (November) in effect."

Correction!

Before any enthusiastic LGH photographers try taking any aerial pictures, and before Capt. Truman Heminway gets broken to PFC for flying so low, we wish to state that the altitude of the plane in which Heminway was flying while taking last week's front page picture, was 1500 feet, not 500 feet!

Planes flying low over the hospital during the past week have worried us, so we wanted you to know.

George Shelton of CBS' "It Pays to Be Ignorant" says a good synonym for a barber shop is a clip joint.

When she gets out of service, Virginia is planning, tentatively, to brush up with a commercial art course before going in for art, in an academic way, at the University of Missouri.

Atomic Bomb Transfers War to Home Front

New York (CNS)—The atomic bomb — coupled with rockets, heavy bombers, radar and other recent developments — transfers the brunt of war from the combat forces to the home front, Hanson W. Baldwin declares in the New York Times. The present atomic bomb is capable of destruction over a radius of 3000 yards, and scientists have stated that bombs "thousands of times more powerful" can be developed.

The only real defense against atomic-energy explosives is against the carrier that brings the bombs to the target, Baldwin says. No matter what the defense, he believes that probably some missiles "will always get through."

Battle Credits

Washington (CNS)—Units entitled to battle participation credit for action in Sicily are listed in WD General Orders No. 91, and those entitled to credit for the Po Valley campaign are listed in GO No. 93.

ON THE SPOT



MISS MARY BENSON

One of the veterans in the Personnel Department who helped Letterman to expand to meet the emergency, and who is now trying to cover the field with reduced personnel in the postwar period is Miss Mary Benson, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Personnel.

Miss Benson has been at Letterman since August 1941 and has been a most valuable asset to the organization at all times. In addition to her normal duties she has been active in the sale of War Bonds in every one on the loan drives during the war period. And because she still had a little idle time on her hands she became a very enthusiastic promoter of excursions to the local blood bank. The fare for the ride to the Blood Donor Center was only a pint of blood and Miss Benson kept her chariot well filled with willing donors. She was too modest to tell us how many pints she donated to that worthy cause but we know the figure tops the list from Letterman.

Miss Benson's avocation is walking up the hill to the Arguello Gate—her home is just outside the gate—and she contends she really does it for the exercise but all too often kind people drive up and give her a lift. She does not wish to appear unappreciative so she banishes her resolve to walk for the time being, climbs into the car, and determines to omit that malted milk on the morrow to atone for her lapse in training.

A true native daughter is Miss Benson and so well does she think of California that she never leaves the Golden State. She deems it a rare privilege to have been born right in San Francisco and in her opinion the United Nations Conference could pick no better spot for the World Capital.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

Wedding belles are profuse and wedding bells are ringing long and loudly among the civilian Lettermanites recently. The homecoming of our Army and Navy personnel was largely responsible for many of the ceremonies. Everyone seems to be waiting for everyone else and for several among us the long wait is o'er. **Bernice Delucchi**, from the Adjutant's Office is away on a three-week leave. She will recite the vows with an ex-service man.

From the Lab, **Dorothy Dodge** is on her way to Carmel. Her one and only has returned from overseas and they were married on Thanksgiving day. They'll drive East to make their home.

The bride of the Receiving Office is **Marion Saiz**, henceforth to be addressed as Mrs. Davis. The light of her life is a Navy man. She was married in the Sacred Heart Church in traditional white. And, also traditionally, she burned the toast preparing the first breakfast for her spouse.

November 13, 1945 was the day on which **Vera Roeglin** of Ward E-1 became Mrs. Robert Peacock. Her husband is stationed at Treasure Island. They were wedded there in the Navy Chapel and will be at home in the bay city for the present.

May Locknane from the Information Office is a new Mrs. also. The lucky man is **Alfred Gunnell** and the nuptials were performed on his birthday so they had a dual celebration. **Marj Jones** is practically in tears at the thought of May's leaving and we'll all miss her cheery personality.

Here are a few items with a slightly different theme: **Myrtle Kirby** is now a grandmother. Or so says Mrs. Frisby who really should know. Myrtle's grandson lives right here in S. F., so she can visit him every day.

Vivian Wreden in the Dental Clinic has long been an active member of the S. F. District Dental Assistants Association. She was elected president of the group last week. Congratulations, Vivian!

American Theatre Ribbon

Washington (CNS) — Personnel who served one year or more within the continental limits of the U.S. are now entitled to wear the red-white-and-blue American theatre campaign ribbon.

LIEUT. BARONDES HAS ENOUGH RANK TO RATE IN MILITARY FAMILY NOW



1st Lieut. DORCAS BARONDES, ANC
One of the military mothers on our nursing staff

We'll challenge anyone in the country to produce a more patriotic family than the Barondes clan!

In Ward L-1 is a vivacious, lovely looking member of the Nurse Corps answering to the name of Lt. Dorcas Barondes. Her husband is Lt. Col. R. de Rohan Barondes, MC, and her two sons, Earl and Arthur, are at Annapolis and West Point, respectively.

Three years ago Lt. Barondes was in charge of one of the big mobile blood banks in Los Angeles. She decided to join the Army Nurse Corps, and after a short time spent at Barnes General Hospital, she went overseas, with the 203rd General Hospital. The unusual feature of the assignment was the pleasant coincidence of being in the same unit with her husband!

First they went to Scotland, then to England. He went on to France with the 203rd and she was then assigned to the 61st General Hospital until she sailed home. Her husband, wounded in France, arrived back in this country a full three months before she did!

When she returned, they met in New York, and went to visit their sons, spending five days at Annapolis and five days at West Point so there would be no charges of favoritism on the part of the Navy boy, who rather feels like the black sheep of the otherwise completely Army family!

Dorcas is British by birth, having made her first appearance in Newfoundland, but is now a citizen. Her main interest in life, next to her nursing, is the two sons she calls her "twerps." Nineteen-year-old Earl is the midshipman, and Arthur, younger by just 11 months, is the West Point cadet. Their mother spends most of her spare time trying to keep the natural family feud under control, although she admits, it's a tough job these days with the Army-Navy football game coming up!

The rest of her few moments of spare time is spent in other patriotic duties such as speaking at War Bond rallies and special meetings. How about it? Do you know anyone who can beat the Barondes' record?

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the separation point during the past week: S/Sgt. Harlan E. Ruback, T/5th Gr. Arthur C. Blackwell, Pvts. Oscar Rogers, Ralph O. Rulz, Philip W. Gross, Banks D. Moose, Archie N. Taylor, George D. Wyatt, James R. Worley, Ernest Johnson, Hershell C. Hankins, Thomas E. Davoren and Leonard P. Sapone.

A welocem is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: T/Sgt. Harold J. Gleesing, S/Sgt. Harlan E. Ruback, Sgt. Morris Jacobs, T/4th Gr. Ralph J. Bault, William D. Deleeuw, John W. Jerman and Wilfred M. Bauman, T/5th Gr. Norman J. Slawson, Pvts. Ernest Johnson, Orrin J. Stofflet, Lee Dexter, Elzie L. Adkins, Walter E. Pratt, Filadelfio Salazar, Joseph P. Stone and Edgar L. Taylor.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Paul Katz taking a back seat as far as being the number one Romeo of the Pharmacy as a new member of that establishment, by the name of Pvt. Joseph Berger seems to be taking over his position.

Sgt. John E. Perkins getting in practice for his future law course by keeping his vocal cords in good use.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz and Company moving down to the basement and getting plenty of exercise going up and down stairs.

The former S/Sgt. William Baldwin, now Mr. Baldwin, paying a visit to his old haunts around LGH before going back to Southern California.

M/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yoemans trying to figure out what T/Sgt. Wilcox means when he says that he plays a "scientific" pinochle game.

Sgt. Harold E. Christian, one of our garage mechanics, now a patient on Ward E-1.

WAC

We'd like to extend a hearty welcome to some recent arrivals. T/3rd Gr. Jacqueline Genthon, a social worker, came to us from Santa Barbara, California.

From the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, which have closed, came T/5th Gr. Helen Pacifico, Cpl. Rose Casillio and Pvt. Anna Christensen.

From Des Moines, Ia., a former cadre member, Cpl. Hazel Ormord.

Among those enjoying furloughs are: T/Sgt. Mary Chamberlain, Los Angeles, California; M/Sgt. Bobbie Allison, Beaumont, Texas; Sgt. Helen Thomas, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; S/Sgt. Tommy Jaffin, Jersey City, N. J.; and Sgt. Jeanne Riha.

More lucky girls will be released from the ranks at Camp Beale very shortly. They are T/5th Gr. Phyllis Anderson, T/5th Gr. Rose Mary Advey, T/5th Gr. Mildred Long and T/5th Gr. Sara Hiatt.

Maj. Helen Gardner of Ninth Service Command Headquarters came around last week on an inspection tour of the Wac areas.

Now we can account for that gleam in F/Sgt. Eudora Lombardi's eye. It's caused by that dashing Harvard man from the Motor Pool.

Ward G once more offered its hospitality to one of our unfortunate Wacs: T/5th Gr. Mary Novack, scheduled to leave for Camp Beale last Thursday found herself headed for the contagious ward instead. She came down with pneumonia Wednesday night.

Last Saturday T/5th Gr. Eleanor Sunday became the happy bride of Orvis Withson, formerly a Metal-smith 1st class in the Navy. The couple grew up together in Valley City, North Dakota, and plan on making their home there.

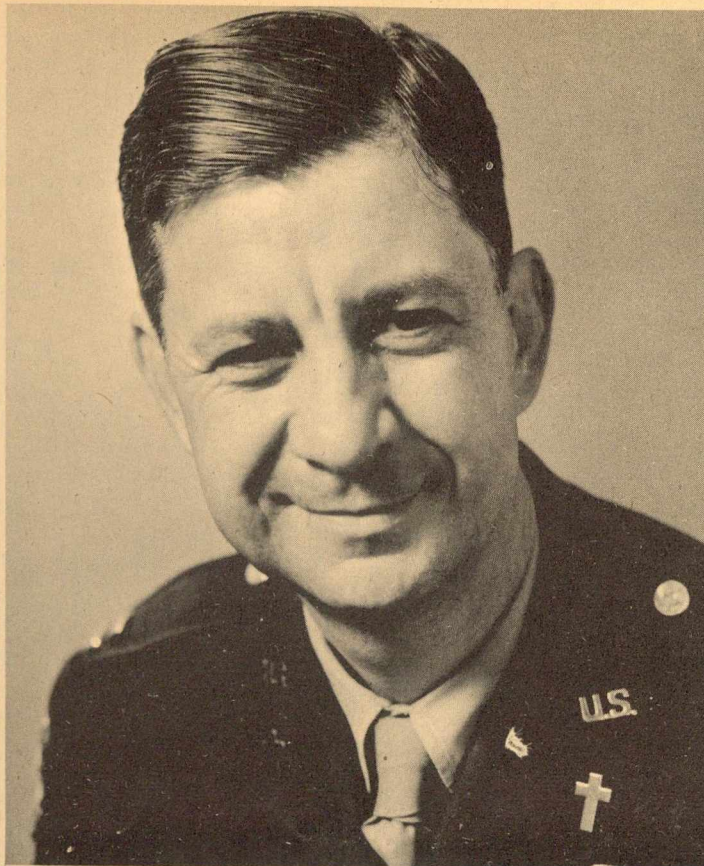
There was a happy reunion for two sisters when the Lurline docked here last Sunday. Cpl. Arlene Lee, home from Manila, had much to tell our Sgt. Elizabeth Lee from Barracks 213.

Another family reunion came about for T/4th Gr. Ossie Sides and her brother, T/Sgt. Tom, just back from overseas. They had not seen each other in three years.

T/5th Eva Tomlinson finally said goodbye to the amiable personnel of Ward G, and will soon join her husband in Washington.

A prospective dischargee is T/5th Gr. Betty Mothersbauth whose husband, home from the wars, is now in Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

OUR NEW CHAPLAIN IS A GRAND-FATHER BUT A VERY YOUNG ONE



Chaplain (Capt.) V. EMMETT BUTTERWORTH
Newly arrived from overseas with plenty of hospital experience.

With good old state of Missouri getting so much play in the headlines these days Letterman feels there is some chance for us to break into the public prints with the latest native of that state to join our ranks.

Our most recent acquisition for the postwar period is Chaplain (Captain) V. Emmett Butterworth, who comes to us with a worldwide hospital experience both here and in Europe.

Chaplain Butterworth was born in Joplin, Missouri, and made his studies at the College of the Bible, Phillips University, in Enid, Oklahoma, where he was graduated with the class of 1924. He held pastorates at Nampa, Idaho, and Salt Lake City before coming to California in 1929 to be in charge of churches successively in El Centro, Compton and Santa Rosa. And maybe we could call him a "native son" by adoption.

The chaplain was commissioned in June 1942 and assigned to Camp

Roberts where he served for 14 months before attending the Chaplains' School late in 1943. He was next assigned to the 76th General Hospital, which was activated at Barnes General Hospital in Vancouver, Washington, and went overseas with that unit. He served in England until the Normandy invasion and then went up to the vicinity of Liege where his hospital had a close up view of the fighting on the Belgian Bulge. It was a favorite target for the "buzz bombs" and one direct hit took a toll of 25 lives among the enlisted men of the unit.

Chaplain Butterworth was invalided home in July of this year and spent some time as a patient at De Witt General Hospital at Auburn. His experiences both as a chaplain on duty and as a hospital patient make him a particularly valuable addition to the Letterman staff at this time when our job is to take care of the men who are coming back from "over there."

The Stork Was Here

To Capt. and Mrs. Joseph M. Ganster, a son, **Maurice William**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 13 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Homer S. Rehkamp, a daughter, **Susan NMI**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 13 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph A. Brian, a daughter, **Sharon Anne**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 14 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Clifford Montgomery, a son, **Clifford Neal**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 14 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Raymond G. Poston, a daughter, **Sharon Rae**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 14 November.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Ryckman, a daughter, **Ruby Kathryn**, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces, born 14 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. DeOrr E. Holmes, a son, **Wayne Golden**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 15 November.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Thomas V. Ivory, Discharged Veteran, a daughter, **Helen Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 15 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert P. Bliss, Discharged Veteran, a daughter, **Barbara Ann**, weight 9 pounds and 5 ounces, born 16 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hatch, a son, **John Howard**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 17 November.

Lillian Leigh asked Jack Kirkwood on Jack's CBS comedy show whether he was still living in the same place.

"Yes," replied Jack, "and I love it—so high class."

"What do you mean high class?" she asked.

"The carpets are so thick you don't have to wear trousers."

The chaplain was married in 1922 to Miss Katie L. Williams, of Wichita, Kansas, and has two sons. One was recently released from the Navy and another is still in service with the Army at Manila. He is rightfully proud of both his boys but he really glows with enthusiasm when he starts to speak of his five months old granddaughter at Santa Rosa.

The inference is plain that being a grandfather really does something for a man. Drop in at the office in the Crissy annex, meet the chaplain, and we know you will agree.

Warming The Bench

By Sgt. Frank Deblois

FOOTBALL FRONT

Experts now rate Eastern grid teams in this order: Army, Navy, Penn, Holy Cross. In the Big Ten it's Illinois; Midwest: Notre Dame; South: Alabama, Virginia, Duke; SW: Oklahoma Aggies; Coast: St Mary's. . . . Top backs so far are Davis and Blanchard, Army; Hoernschemeyer and Scott, Navy; Rossides and Kusserow, Columbia; Koslowski, Holy Cross; Danciewicz, Notre Dame; Fenimore, Okla; Wedemeyer, St Mary's. The best football, for the first time since Yale was really Yale, is being played in the East. Army's victory over Notre Dame clinched its position as Number One team of the year. The Cadets' 48-0 victory was not quite so humiliating to the Irish as the 59-0 drubbing of last year, however. That was the game ND coach Ed McKeever had asked his boys to win for his ailing father, who was supposed to be at death's door. Late in the final quarter, one battered Notre Dame player looked at the scoreboard and remarked to a teammate: "I guess McKeever's old man must be dead by now."

TEN-IN-ONE RATION

Pithiest comment on Branch Rickey's deal for Jackie Robinson, Negro shortstop, came from Ed McAuley of the Cleveland Press who said: "The position of the Negro in Organized Ball still is an aspect of a great social question—and I'm not so sure that baseball dugouts, seldom operated on the highest level of mental maturity, are the places to seek the answer." . . . Billy Southworth, signed with the Braves for 3 years at \$30,000 per is out to get some of the players his successor, Eddie Dyer, will have performing for him on the Cardinals. Discharged Cardinals have made Eddie 12 deep in starting pitchers, 3 deep in the outfield and 4 deep (Jimmy Brown, Lou Klien, Emil Verban, Creepy Crespi) at second base. . . . Ellsworth Vines, Wimbledon and U.S. tennis champ in 1931 and national pro champ in 1933, won the Southern California golf open with a sub-par 54 hole total of 213. . . . Tom Smith, turf trainer of mighty Seabiscuit, has been suspended for a year for doping a horse at Jamaica. . . . Dead at 46 is Marine Col E. E. (Swede) Larson, ex-player and coach at Navy, whose teams never lost a game to Army. . . . Gene Tunney thinks Ray Robinson, the great welterweight, can lick Billy Conn right now and so do a lot of other guys who have seen the Pittsburgh sassboy since his return to civilian life. Conn's reply to Tunney (the part of it which is printable) is that he can lick both Robinson and Tunney in the same ring at the same time.

News From Home

Albert, Minn (CNS)—Ralph Booen invented a swell device for asphyxiating rats. He tried it out in a closed room. Two hours later a police emergency squad revived him with a pulmotor.

Indianapolis (CNS)—The toughest kids in Indianapolis are 2 teen-aged self-named "Dillinger twins," who broke windows, stole automobiles, smeared pie over a bowling alley and looted 5 firms of \$5000 before they were nabbed by the police. Admonished by a judge to go home and learn the 10 Commandments, they ran away from home with \$100 instead.

New York (CNS)—Gen Eisenhower is the living American whom readers of the Woman's Home Companion most admire, according to a survey recently completed by the magazine. Runners-up, in order, were President Truman, Mrs Roosevelt, Gen MacArthur, Herbert Hoover, Henry Ford, Cordell Hull, Rep Clare Booth Luce, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

Raritan, NJ (CNS)—It's OK for teachers in the Raritan school system to smoke between classes, the Board of Education has ruled. The only stipulation is that they'll have to do their smoking in the boiler room where the students won't see them.

Now That It's Over

Thanksgiving Day at Letterman was a quiet one. Patients and detachment members who ate dinner here had that well-fed, I'd-like-to-take-a-anap look around 1300.

Before the Big Meal of the day, General and Mrs. Hillman made a tour of the mess halls at Dante, Crissy, East Hospital, and our main one.

The cooks and bakers turned out a wonderful dinner that began with Oyster soup and progressed to Roast Turkey with Chestnut dressing and giblet gravy, and side dishes of Candied Sweet Potatoes, buttered corn niblets and Autumn salad. Cloverleaf rolls and butter were the main items in the bread department. Dessert was ice cream and fruit cake.

On each table was an eye-pleasing heap of cellophane bags, which the dietitians had worked overtime to fill with grapes, candy, cigarettes, nuts, bananas, oranges and pears.

Later in the day, parties were in full swing at the Telephone Center, and Recreation Hall.

Senate Group Backs New Job Benefits

Washington (CNS)—The Senate Finance committee has approved and sent to the floor of the Senate a bill broadening the GI Bill of Rights to make it easier for veterans to get loans and schooling.

The bill would do these things: Authorize government-guaranteed loans based on "reasonable" value of property.

Permit loans to furnish capital for farms and businesses as well as for real estate.

Extend the time limit on repayment of loans to 10 years instead of 5.

Raise the maximum term on home loans from 20 to 25 years and on farm loans from 20 to 40 years.

Open the educational program to veterans irrespective of age.

Increase the living allowance for single veterans attending educational institutions from \$50 to \$65 a month and for veterans with dependents from \$75 to \$90.

Authorize the VA to enter into agreements with state institutions for payment of tuition to veterans.

Open the way for veterans to take short technical courses or correspondence courses in state-approved institutions with the government footing the tuition bill.

He Has 219 Points And He Ain't Out Yet

New York (CNS)—Other returning high-pointers watched in awe as T/Sgt Paul A. Smith strolled down the gangplank. The reason: Smith, 24-year-old aerial gunner from Charlotte, NC, has 219 points. Entering the service in 1940, he went on more than 120 missions with the 8th, 14th, and 15th Air Forces.

Ex-Wacs Don't Want Brown Clothes This Year

New York (CNS)—Discharged Waves are buying brown outfits for fall, a New York shop reports, but ex-Wacs will have none of it. "Wacs want black, green, yellow, blue—anything but brown," a store spokesman said.

Salute to Letterman

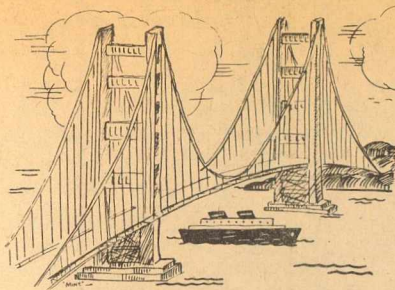
Guy Lombardo and his orchestra will salute Letterman General Hospital on his "Musical Autographs" program Tuesday, November 27th. The show will be heard over station KGO at 6 p. m.

Letterman will receive an electric phonograph and 50 records with the compliments of Guy and his sponsor, Chelsea Cigarettes and Edgeworth Tobacco.

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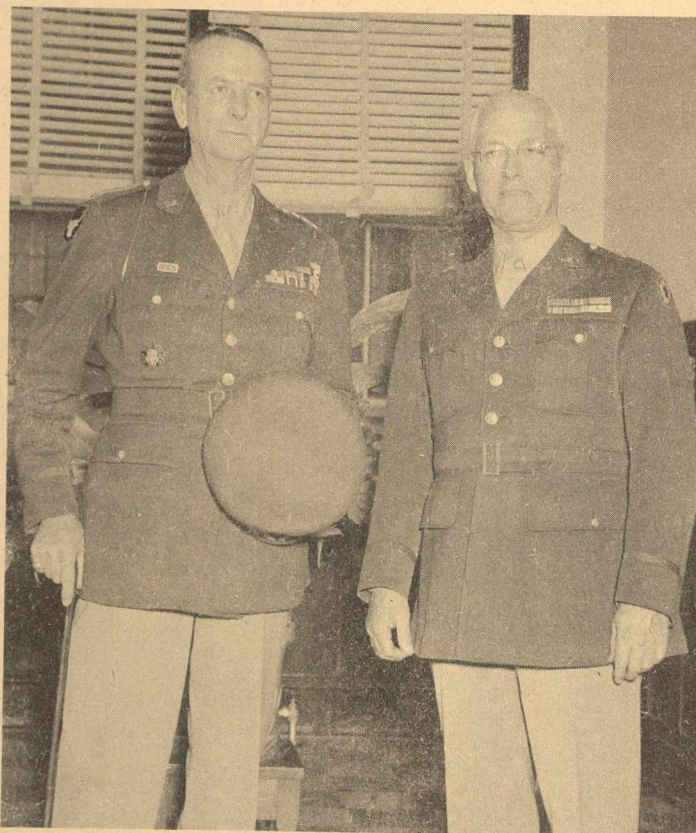
Medical Department Speeding Release Of Doctors

Army doctors are being released faster than the Army is reducing its total strength, in spite of the large number of battle casualties still remaining in hospitals and the requirement of doctors for separation center work, according to Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, who spoke recently in New York in appreciation of the services rendered by members of the United Hospital Fund of New York.

"The peculiar situation that we find ourselves in is that demobilization, in which everyone is concerned, cannot proceed without the help of thousands of doctors—2,000 of whom are devoting their medical services solely to separation centers," General Kirk said. "By the first of January more than 14,000 doctors will have been returned to civilian life, which is more than one-third of the total number of doctors comprising the Army Medical Corps at its peak. By June of next year we anticipate releasing all but 11,000 doctors."

General Kirk, stating the peak hospital load in the United States to be 318,000 pointed out that there is still a need for medical personnel and that "one of our greatest problems is to hold enough doctors in the service to give the maximum medical care to our patients."

"I want to assure you," General Kirk concluded, "that, first, the Army Medical Department is going to continue to give to the sick and wounded soldiers of this war the best medical care known to science, and secondly, that it is going to return to civilian life as rapidly as possible every Medical Department officer whose services are not essential to the Army."



THE HERO OF BATAAN
General Jonathan M. Wainwright (left) pictured with General Hillman on the occasion of his visit here.

General Wainwright Visits Letterman

General Jonathan M. Wainwright, the hero of the Battle of Bataan, and more recently liberated from a Japanese prison camp, was an informal visitor to Letterman one afternoon this week.

General Wainwright, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Milton O. Boone, made a call at the office of the commanding general where he was received by General Hillman and at the conclusion of the visit he was photographed by Sergeant Hazel Robinson. The general complimented the sergeant on her speed and efficien-

cy remarking she was one of the very few cameramen he had faced who did not ask for "Just one more."

The distinguished visitor made later calls on Major General H. C. Pratt and Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, who are patients on the Officers' Ward, and then had a brief chat with some of his former associates of prison camp days.

It was stated the general is making no public appearances during his sojourn in Northern California.

Army to Close 23 Hospitals by End Of This Month

Release by the Army of 23 hospitals out of its wartime peak of 65 by January 1, 1946, has been announced by Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General.

These hospitals will be offered to the Veterans' Administration or back to their former owners in the case of leased properties.

Additional hospitals will be released after the first of the year, but the schedule for such release cannot be forecast at this time, General Kirk declared. "As the number of men being cared for in any hospital decrease to the point where it is uneconomical to maintain it as a separate institution, the patients and facilities are consolidated into more efficient and workable units," he explained.

The peak patient load of hospitals in the United States, reached at the end of June 1945, was 318,000, and has been dropping slowly ever since, despite the influx of men from overseas theaters, which was more than compensated for by hospital discharges.

The Medical Department estimated that by January 1, 1946 this total will have declined to about 220,000 patients, and that by June of 1947 there will be only 70,000 men remaining in Army hospitals.

The hospitals to be released and the schedule is as follows: Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas—12 December 1945; Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington—5 December 1945; Battey General Hospital, Rome, Georgia—15 December 1945; Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Washington—10 November 1945; Darnell General Hospital, Danville, Kentucky—15 December 1945; DeWitt General

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LETTERMAN LONG-TIMERS LEAVE FOR A LIFE OF LEISURE

It was a long war and a long grind for the men at Letterman these past four years so the veterans who have amassed enough points for separation are unanimously looking forward to a life of leisure in the immediate future.

Leading the list of the outgoing men this week is one who has been



MERLE C. WEST

what Damon Runyan would call a "leading character" around these parts for the whole of the war period. Staff Sergeant Merle C. West is the way his name reads on the roster but he is known far and wide as "Windy"—a nickname implying affection on the part of his buddies in the Medical Detachment.

"Windy" has been with us for four years and nine months. In his first days he was on one of the wards but his natural bent for promotion soon asserted itself and Windy became a part of the E. & R. staff. He managed the basketball teams, and served as coach and manager for the soft ball teams as well as the real thing with a hard ball. He was a bachelor in those days and long hours meant nothing to him if it would keep the team in line.

When "Reconditioning" was introduced to the hospital program Windy went off to Fort Lewis to take a special course to fit him to carry on that work. It was just about that time that he decided to forsake his state of single bliss so the sojourn at Fort Lewis was really a part of his honeymoon. It was in November 1944 that Miss Dorothy Smith, one of our popular young

ladies in the telephone center, became Mrs. West.

Windy is going back to his home in the state of Washington to work for a while and then resume his studies for a degree in Physical Education. That has a strong appeal for him and the experience he has had at Letterman will prove especially valuable in that line of effort.

Around the poker table at the Service Club his name will come up in chatter very often. He was a charter member and it is rumored he was also a strong supporter of the organization. He leaves Letter-



JOHN V. RYAN

man with the best wishes of everyone.

Close behind "Windy" in the exodus will be Master Sergeant John V. Ryan, our genial postmaster, who also has four years and nine months to his credit on the service roster at Letterman.

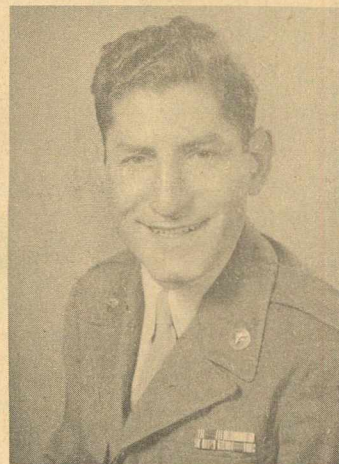
Sgt. Ryan was assigned to the post office soon after reporting here and he has remained on that job ever since. He went in for promotion on a grand scale and while enlarging the scope of the postal activities he managed to move up step by step until he reached the heights of his present grade.

Knowing what a morale factor prompt delivery of mail could be in a hospital, Sgt Ryan developed a locator system that kept the mail moving toward the patients with a minimum of delay, and if it is remembered what a monthly turnover of patients we had here during our regime as a debarkation hospi-

tal it is easy to perceive that Ryan had a real job on his hands. Some of his closer friends implied that the proximity of the barber shop to the post office enabled him to acquire the habit of reading postcards once over lightly and remember every word. Ryan maintains he only looked at the address and kept the mail moving.

Despite the long line of females coming to the windows of the post office for mail the sergeant managed to retain his bachelorhood. It was strictly business at the window all the time. He had a nice smile for all the lovelies but each transaction was completed in one session; never even implied "What are you doing to-night?" to any of his fairer patrons.

Sgt. Ryan plans to go back to school under the GI bill and absorb a little more education and gang says "Good luck all the way".



SAMUEL TERRAVECCHIA, Jr.

Another joining the parting parade right now is Technician Fourth Grade Samuel Terravecchia, Jr. He is one of our strong silent men who has been doing a grand job around here for the past four years with a minimum of conversation.

Sam hails from Brownsville, Pa., and came to Letterman via Camp Grant in the early days of the war. He was indoctrinated on the wards by a first assignment to S-1 and managed to get over to the Surgical side where he worked on C-1 and C-2 for three years. His proficiency as a ward master won him a transfer to the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School

where he was an instructor until that organization closed and he came back to Letterman to the office of Charge of Quarters.

It was Sam's job to see that all the wards were covered with adequate personnel for the tasks at hand and that was done in orderly fashion. When an emergency arose he always managed to find an extra man for the job and that ability made him some sort of a magician. He was accused of pulling men out of his hat in much the same fashion as a prestidigitator performs on a stage but Sam countered that charge with the statement that it was the result of simple planning. The truth is that he was thoroughly familiar with hard work and knew where the job could be covered with a little extra effort when an emergency demanded.

Sam sent back home for his school day sweetheart about two years ago and was married in San Francisco. They have a baby boy now one year old. The family will settle in Detroit and Sam will be at home to all of his old friends at Letterman. And their good wishes accompany him and that little family.



AMOS K. SAKDSHEIM

The last of the quartette going out into the cold cruel world this week is Technician Fourth Grade Amos M. Skadsheim, who has been a ward master par excellence for practically all of his service at Letterman. He began his four years of military life at Camp Grant for basic training and remained to spe-

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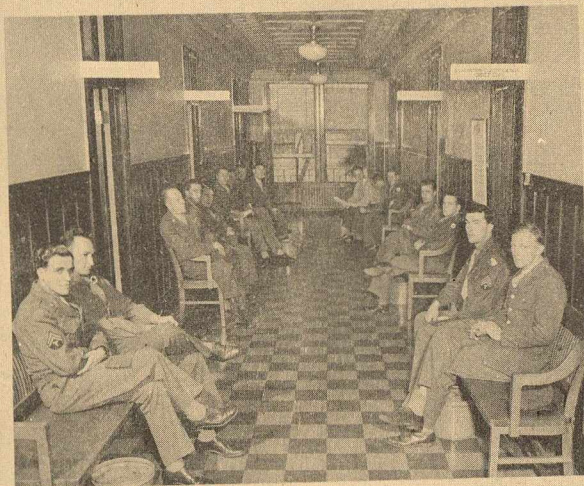
What The Cameraman Caught Around Letterman This Week



POOCHES AND PETS
Are being made in the spare time of Sergeant George Bigelow and Pvt. Donald A. Artmez.

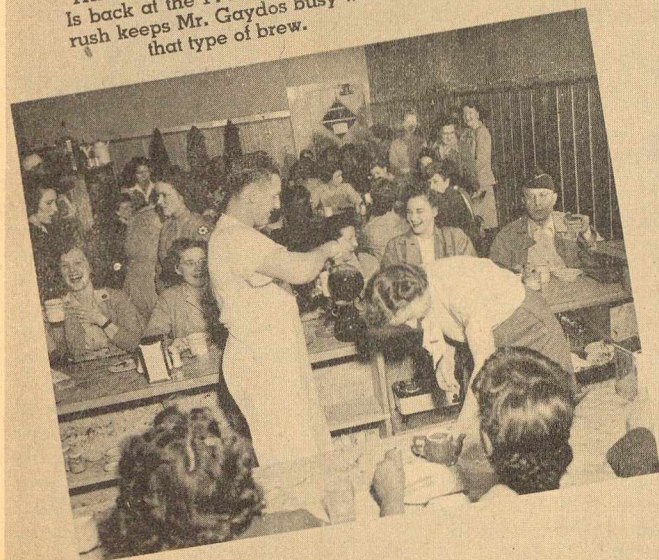


FUNNIES ARE STILL AMUSING
Especially when Pvt. Joe Mello has an attractive cadet nurse Miss Grace Davis—to help 'him enjoy the comics.



SWEATING IT OUT
At the Separation Point here. Through those portals will pass many of the Letterman old timers on the way back to civil life.

THE NICKEL CUPPA CAWFFEE
Is back at the P. X. Grill and the rush keeps Mr. Gaydos busy with that type of brew.



THE TELEPHONE COMPANY
Holds "Open House" at the Telephone Center on Thanksgiving Day.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

FOOTBALL

The climactic closing of the football season today with the big game of the season—the annual clash of the Army and Navy on the gridiron will keep our minds off business for about two hours around mid-day in this Pacific time belt.

There appears to be unanimity of opinion as to the outcome of the contest though we did hear of one lone dietitian who took the Navy at even money to win. That lone opinion is the exception that demonstrates the fact that public opinion is never unanimous.

The current football season has been enjoyed very much by the patients at Letterman. The generosity of the management of the Kezar Stadium here in San Francisco and that of the California Stadium at Berkeley has made it possible for large groups of the patients to witness every game played this year. And no greater or more enthusiastic football fans can be found. Our collection of Monday morning quarterbacks compares favorably with those in any part of the country. We are grateful to those who have been so generous with tickets to the games.

But we are still thinking of that big game today and though certain of an Army victory we still believe we should get all of the plays as relayed by radio. If there is no answer to the phone in the Sanctum around mid-day please remem-



By Irene Wallace

Nine Letterman nurses left this week for overseas duty. They were Captain Shirley Timewell, 2nd Lts. Marie A. Souze, Leonille M. DuFault, Jean H. Smith, Phyllis M. Brown, Frances E. Dodge, Teresa D. Felch, Emma F. Haskett, and Bernice J. Agar.

1st Lieutenant Madaline McManus was separated from the service via the LGH Separation Point this week. She was the guest of honor at a party given by her close friends at the Nurses Recreation Hall last Saturday evening.

Newly assigned nurses are 1st Lieutenants Mary M. Maslin, Constance D. Darling, Helen K. Feldhauser, Nina E. Newman and Betty Stark. Lieutenant Maslin served at Australia, New Guinea, Leyte and Mindoro, and came to Letterman from Camp Beale. Lieutenants Darling and Feldhauser reported for duty from Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Washington. Lieutenant Newman was in the European Theater, assigned as Head Nurse with the 25th General Hospital. Lieutenant Stark was stationed in the Southwest Pacific and from November, 1944 to May, 1945 was assigned to the Hospital Ship Tasman.

Captains Margaret Giles and Lizzie O. Woods are on 15 day leaves—Captain Giles at Pasadena, California and Captain Woods at Cortez, Colorado. Captain Giles will soon journey overseas.

Three former Lettermanites are in the news this week. 1st Lieutenant Katherine Trask returned from Manila and is now on 45 days TD, after which she is hoping to be re-assigned to Letterman. She was stationed here from July, 1941 to February, 1945. 1st Lieutenant Gertrude Humling recently arrived in the states from the CBI Theater and has been separated from the service. 1st Lieutenant Mary Burnett, who was stationed in England, will be re-assigned to LGH at the expiration of her leave.

An exchange of cadet nurses took

place recently when cadets from Letterman were transferred to Dibble General Hospital and 16 cadets from Dibble were assigned to Letterman. The new group of cadets is training in general nursing.

1st Lieutenant Jessie E. Nelson, from Dante, was transferred to Cushing General Hospital, Farmington, Massachusetts.



Something new added to the upper lip of Lieut. Rogers M. Cox at the Separation Point. Might be the beginning of a disguise.

Major Rex Clayton giving 12 points against the Navy for the big game today.

Former Lettermanites coming back for a look-see at the old gang. Major Joseph S. McGuinness and Major Lester P. Sawyer both in civvies already, and Major Eugene S. Hopp still in service. Others coming back for duty: Major Louis N. Arnone for the Pool; Captain Louise Christman to head the P. T. Section, and Lieut. Valdis D. Knudson to the Dietetics branch.

The nickel cup of coffee once again on sale at P. X.

Lillian Jones hard at work on her one-woman bond campaign and promising this to be the last.

The influenza "shots" bowling over the men like the proverbial ten pins.

The YMCA building finished with the job of getting a new face.

Miss Kay Hardy moving to the Palace—the dream of a life time for the stage struck.

Farm Aid for Vets

Washington (CNS)—A plan to enable vets seeking to buy farms or make improvements on farms to borrow at 3% interest, with a 40-year repayment period and a variable repayment arrangement, was proposed by the National Farmers Union.

Returned to duty from leaves of absence were 1st Lieutenants Mary E. Rapp, Rebecca Amend, and Faye Turner.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, December 2, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services:

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Father Haskins is Transferred to The Fourth Air Force

Chaplain Edward T. Haskins, assistant Post Chaplain at the Presidio for the past two years, has been transferred to headquarters, Fourth Air Force, in San Francisco and reported to his new station this week.

Father Haskins, by his generous co-operation, was well known to the patients and personnel of Letterman and never passed up any opportunity to be of service to his neighbors on this side of the fence.

Chaplain Alfred C. Longley has been assigned to the Presidio as the successor of Father Haskins. The new chaplain is a native of St. Paul, Minn., and has recently returned from overseas.

Research

Mrs. Leah R. Frisby, our likeable librarian, dug this out of the Army Medical Library News.

"The condition of neuropsychiatric treatment in Philadelphia may be deduced from a broadside 'State of The Accounts of The Pennsylvania Hospital . . . for the year ending 4th month, 23d, 1808' just acquired by the Army Medical Library. Of 125 lunatics admitted, 26 were cured, 14 relieved, 2 pronounced incurable, 9 cared for by friends (as distinct from Friends), 3 eloped, 1 died, 1 was removed by habeas corpus, and 59 remained.* Since the hospital purchased 240 gallons of spirits and brandy, 25 barrels of beer, and 84 dozen bottles of porter during the same period, we may assume that the 59 had a very good time."

*By these figures 10 seem to have unaccountably vanished.

WAC OF THE WEEK



VERNICE JACQUES
Sergeant

Sgt. Vernice Jacques doesn't expect to have much personal experience with special court martials but, just in case, she is well qualified in their fine points by 21 months as secretary to the judge advocate at Fort Devens, Mass.

The attractive, brown-haired Wac was transferred here September 9 from Fort Devens and has been assigned as a clerk-typist to the sergeant major's office at Letterman. She particularly remembers the date of her arrival here since it coincides with admission of California, her home state, to the union.

The post judge advocate's office in snowy Massachusetts was doing a thriving business while she was there, the sergeant says. For a while the average was six or seven cases a week. Her job was taking testimony during interviews and preparing records of proceedings.

Getting back to California weather, even with the rain, was a welcome change for Vernice. The first winter in Massachusetts was strenuous for the California-bred Wac; the effect, as she expresses it, resembled that of a continuous icy milkshake.

One of the most pleasant phases of her 26-month army career was an 8-week administrative course at the State Teachers college, Nacogdoches, Texas. Two classes of about 50 Wacs each attended the school, living in campus dormitories and eating in the cafeterias.

Vernice's work before entering the army, was also for the government; she was stenographer at the San Francisco bureau FBI; before that she worked for an import and export company in the city.

Berkeley is Vernice's home and, although she may not make it her permanent headquarters when she

GENERAL LULL RECEIVES THE AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

M2 col caps hed general lull receives Major General George F. Lull, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Office of The Surgeon General from June 1940 to August 1945."

First commissioned into the Army Medical Reserve as a First Lieutenant in 1912, General Lull had reached the rank of temporary Lt. Colonel by 1918, though he later reverted to the rank of Major until the confirmation of his rank as Lt. Colonel in 1933. In 1939 he was promoted to Colonel, in 1943 to Brigadier General, and in 1943 to his present rank. He served in France with the AEF as Commanding Officer of Base Hospital No. 35, and, previous to World War I, in the Canal Zone at Camp Gaillard. He has served in various positions at Walter Reed General Hospital, including Chief of Laboratory Service, Director of Laboratories and Professor of Bacteriology, Director of the Occupational Therapy Department, and Instructor at the

Army Medical School. In addition to these duties, he has served as Assistant to the Eighth Corps Area Surgeon, Medical Advisor of the Governor General of the Philippines, and as Director of Military Personnel and Chief of the Statistical Division in the Office of The Surgeon General.

The citation: "In his capacity as Chief of the Personnel Service he was responsible for developing plans to augment the various officers' corps and the enlisted and civilian personnel of the Medical Department during the nation's first total mobilization of medical manpower. As Deputy Surgeon General, he was largely responsible for establishing policies and directing studies which resulted in many outstanding medical achievements such as the advancement in preventive health measures, the remarkably low incidence of disease, and the low mortality from both disease and battle wounds. General Lull's skillful discharge of difficult duties and his devotion to the mission of the Medical Department contributed in important degree to the success of the Army's unprecedented medical program."

MORE ABOUT LETTERMAN LONG-TIMERS

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cialize in ward administration. It was in February '42 that he landed at Letterman and started out to make a name for himself as one of the most dependable non-commissioned ward supervisors on our staff.

He is a native of the Golden State and made his home at San Jose before joining the Army. His sunny disposition ripened under the warm sun of the Santa Clara Valley and his presence was an asset on any ward. He has heard with marked patience the claims of Texans and New Yorkers on the respective wonders of their home states but his loyalty to California remains as strong as ever.

He is quite content with California and we wish him a long life in that beneficent clime.

gets out of the army, she doesn't expect to stir far from the Bay area and certainly not to any place susceptible to snowfall.

Enlistments Approved For National Guard

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—Enlistment in the National Guard has been authorized by the War Department, effective immediately. Enlistment will be for three years, and will be under the military authorities of the several states. Enlistment cannot be made, however, by men still in active federal service in the armed forces.

Millions of Fire Bombs Fell on Enemy Targets

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—More fire bombs were rained on the European and Mediterranean military targets than on Japanese targets during the war—but the tonnage was greater on Japanese installations. The score was (in numbers) 28,000,000 for European and Mediterranean theaters to 19,000,000 for Japanese targets; but the tonnage was 122,000 tons for Japanese installations to 120,000 for Europe. Most popular incendiary used was the magnesium "fire-stick" which was dropped in clusters. More than 37,000,000 of these M50 four-pound bombs—or 92,000 tons—were released over all theaters.

ON THE SPOT



ESTHER S. GROBLER

In the spotlight this week is a young lady who has been the cynosure of all eyes for many moons around Letterman. She has a nickname but we like to be formal here as we introduce Miss Esther G. Grobler, the efficient aide to the Director of Personnel and chief interviewer of all applicants for civil service positions here.

It will soon be four years since Miss Grobler came to Letterman and she has been with us through all the activity of that period. When the manpower shortage was great little Esther had to sell the positions around here by good salesmanship and when she finished describing a job and the attendant pleasant working conditions the candidate was convinced this is truly the best spot to work for Uncle Sam.

Now with the turn of the tide and more applicants than vacancies Miss Grobler is displaying real talent in selecting the best of those making application while soothing down the surplus. Listen in some time when she is conducting an interview and get what we mean.

Naturally, it is not all work for such an attractive young lady and her hobbies of riding and swimming round out her life. Recent attempts to see any science in checkers have been discouraging but it is a nice way to kill a few minutes during the noon luncheon period.

The bridle paths of Golden Gate Park on a Sunday morning have a magnetic pull for Esther and her flying golden tresses are a familiar sight to the equestrians patronizing the park. Now that winter is about to set in she will have to forego the trips to the beach and lakes where she has enjoyed her second sport—swimming—but there is another summer ahead.

Have you seen her in a bathing suit lately?

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the Separation Center during the past week: M/Sgt. Eugene E. Jensen, T/3rd Gr. Richard H. Foote; T/4th Gr. Delbert D. Hardy, Samuel Terravecchia and Francis Rosser; Cpls. Cliton H. Hill, Theodore Battista and Donald W. Harvey; T/5th Gr. Raymond W. Johnston and Henry D. Shockley; Pvts. James R. Capps, Joseph L. Thomason, Wilfred W. Kjolso, Harry B. Hill, Elwin L. Tinker and Floyd A. Heedick.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: M/Sgt. Robert L. Green; T/Sgt. Thomas S. Butler; S/Sgts. Chester R. Parnell and John A. Rayburn; T/3rd Gr. Virgil C. Hayes; T/4th Gr. Ralph J. Bault and John W. Jerman; Pvts. William N. Taylor, Edward Napolitano, James H. Johnson, Orville V. Russell and Edward M. Riebel.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/5th Gr. Thomas Hackett paying a visit to Letterman after reenlisting in the Army. He is now on his way to the Pacific.

Cpl. Alexander Seskin spending his time as a patient on Ward "G".

S/Sgt. Robert Harrington trying all his techniques on the First Sergeant in trying to find out when he can get his next three day pass.

T/3rd Gr. Kenneth R. Terry staying on the job in the Dental Annex and now being called "Hop-a-long-Terry" due to a cast on one of his legs.

T/4 Robert "Shaky" Goode back from furlough and looking like he had a good time.

Sgt. Robert V. Jacobs going all out for his home team, the UCLA Bruins, last Saturday and losing everything but his shirt.

In the Pacific (CNS)—Men of the 41st Inf Div bought and retained more than \$385,000 in War Bonds during a 40-month period.

IF GENTLEMEN STILL PREFER BLONDES O. T. SHOP WILL BE A POPULAR SPOT



Miss DOROTHY SNIFFIN
New head Occupational Therapy aide here

The new director of Occupational Therapy is a smiling young blonde named Dorothy Sniffin.

Dorothy came to us last Monday, transferring from Baxter General Hospital, and is already revising and augmenting O. T. plans to keep pace with the increasing activity in that department. It is one of the seven branches of Reconditioning, and now that Letterman has switched back from being a debarcation hospital to a general hospital, Dorothy's staff of thirteen is going to be kept busy, helping the patients recover the use of long-unused muscles.

From Rockville Center, Long Island, New York, Dorothy started out to be a commercial artist. For a long while, she was a student at the School of Applied Design for Women in New York, and also studied at Cooper Union after a trip to the art colony at Taos, New Mexico.

Occupational Therapy entered her life when she met the head nurse in the Tuberculosis Section at Belle-

vue Hospital, and discovered from her what a fascinating field it is. She plunged into the courses at the Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy, and toward the end of her studies there, was sent out to four different hospitals for three months in each installation—S.O.P. for students, an important part of their clinical training that gives them a chance to see where their talents can be used to the best advantage.

Dorothy went to work first at Kings County General Hospital in Brooklyn, where she was in charge of all in-patient activity. She particularly enjoyed working with child orthopaedic cases, teaching kiddies as young as 16 months how to regain use of injured muscles.

Baxter General was the first Army hospital she worked in, and there she discovered that in spite of her career of sketching and her love of drawing, she liked jewelry work and carpentry much better. Miss Sniffin would be a handy girl to have around the house!

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

What with thousands of service men returning to these shores daily, the distaff side of our civilian ranks is experiencing an unprecedented turnover. The latest group of femininity leaving to join their ex-army and navy husbands includes **Pat Moyles** from R & E, **Dorothy Cohn** from the Surgical Branch, **Ann Kuhn** from the Registrar's Office and **Betty McPhetridge**, also from R & E. We're very happy for them all, but will miss having them around.

Capt "Bunny" Edwards, that notorious promoter of sporting events has come forth with a new activity which promises to be very entertaining. It's a women's basketball team. WACs, civilians and nurses on the Post are invited to participate and the only qualification is that you must be a female. They're organizing the group now and practice will be in the new gym. If you'd like a bit of stimulating exercise and a lot of fun, phone Special Services and Betty Strunk will give you all the details. We're not able to mention names, but one among us has had enough experience to qualify her as the official yell leader. This is the first year that the Ninth Service Command Women's League has functioned on such a large scale and the competition will be keen.

Of interest to all of us is the monthly meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees. Many of us are not fully acquainted with the NFFE, so here's a bit of background. It was started in 1917, of, by, and for Federal employees. Prior to its organization there was no retirement system, no classification system, and there had been no salary increase for fifty years. Many more improvements have been brought about raising the standards of working conditions for the Federal employee and the progress of the NFFE is tremendous. The Federation offers an amazing variety of valuable services to members, enjoyable and educational meetings and lasting contacts and friendships. Doing more than securing legislation, it brings about each year the satisfactory adjustment of thousands of cases for individual members.

The Stork Was Here

To T/5 and Mrs. Rudolph Hays (Discharged Veteran), a son, **Paul Michael**, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 22 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Godfrey, a daughter, **Christine Hoyt**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 23 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph M. Loomis, a son, unnamed, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 24 November.

To CWO and Mrs. John B. Crouse, a son, **John Richard**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 25 November.

To Major and Mrs. Russell Labelle, a son, **Russell William**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 25 November.

MORE ABOUT ARMY TO CLOSE

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Hospital, Auburn, California — 31 December 1945; Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Georgia — 15 December 1945; Camp Forrest Hospital Center, (POW) Camp Forrest, Tennessee—15 December 1945; Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi—15 December 1945; Glenman General Hospital, Okmulgee, Oklahoma — 21 November 1945; Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California—21 December 1945; Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Texas—5 December 1945; Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, California—10 November 1945; La Garde General Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana — 28 November 1945; McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington—25 November 1945; Camp Pickett General Hospital, Camp Pickett, Virginia—1 December 1945; Stark General Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina—15 October 1945; Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee—31 December 1945; Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, California—20 November 1945; Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kansas—1 December 1945; Camp Butner Convalescent Hospital, Camp Butner, North Carolina—15 December 1945; Camp Pickett Convalescent Hospital, Camp Pickett, Virginia—27 October 1945; Wakeman Convalescent Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana—15 December 1945.

COLONEL HEATON, LETTERMANITE 20 YEARS AGO, IS WELCOMED BACK



Colonel LEONARD D. HEATON, MC
Assistant to the Chief of Surgical Service

Back to the familiar scenes of his internship days came Colonel Leonard D. Heaton this week with an assignment as assistant to the Chief of the Surgical Service.

Immediately following his graduation from the Medical School of the University of Louisville Col. Heaton was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve and ordered out to Letterman for a year of active duty as an interne prior to appointment in the Regular Army. The affection he developed for this hospital at that time still endures and when he was asked to state a preference for station—there was only one answer—Letterman.

In the twenty years that have intervened Colonel Heaton has followed the usual roving life of an army officer with relatively brief pauses but never long enough to call any place "home." His service includes two tours in Hawaii, a tour at Fort Sam Houston, Beaumont General Hospital, Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, and Walter Reed General Hospital on the mainland.

Colonel Heaton was the Chief of the Surgical Service at the Schofield Barracks Hospital when the war began on 7 December 1941 and he managed to get over to the European Theatre of Operations and be in command of the 802nd Hospital Center in Blandford, England, when the war in Europe came to an end. Before moving over to the Center he organized and took overseas the 160th General Hospital.

All of the colonel's professional practice has been on the surgical side and while the war period projected him into the administrative role as commanding officer he yearns for the opportunity to resume his first love—surgery—and for that added reason he is especially happy to be back at Letterman in his present assignment.

Among his decorations are the Legion of Merit for his work at Schofield Hospital following the Pearl Harbor attack, and an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second award of the Legion of Merit for his work in command of the 160th General Hospital. He wears the ribbons for

WAC

By Evaline Blanco

We'd like to extend a cordial welcome to some recent arrivals. T/4 Ilien Cleveland and T/5 Myra Byers came in from McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington. From Fort Des Moines, former basic training center came Pvt. Gladys Danskin. Baxter General Hospital's loss was our gain when T/4 Lillian De Leeuw reported here last week.

Congratulations are in order for those who received promotions in the past week. Promoted to the grade of T/5 were Gladys M. Kerley, Dorothy Norman and Gene Argie.

Among those enjoying furloughs are: T/5 Margaret Riordon, Superior, Wisconsin; T/5 Myrtle Hazelett, Portland, Oregon; T/4 Irmgard Bishop, Saginaw, Michigan; T/5 Ethelyn Wasson, Lovelock, Nevada; T/5 Elizabeth Letzing, Durham, North Carolina; and T/5 Elma Cain, Elizabeth, West Virginia.

More lucky girls will be released from the ranks at Camp Beale very shortly. They are T/5 Eleanor Sunday, T/5 Helen Kirk, T/4 Anne Hines, T/ Anne Pegedt, T/4 Violet King, T/5 Hasse Williams, T/5 Janet Benedict and T/5 Nellie Laughlin.

We extend our congratulations to T/5 Sylvia Tutaj who was married to 1st Lt. Frank Beam of the Army Air Corps last Saturday. Sylvia hopes to join the ranks of discharges in the near future.

It seems that the girls in the company are all swooning over T/5 Ingrid Slaasted's good-looking brother, pharmacist's mate third class, Ralph.

We hear that Mrs. Zimmerman, formerly Sgt. Ruth Godwin of the Dental Lab., is expecting an addition to her family sometime next summer.

We wonder about the handsome Navy WOJG that T/5 Kathryn Redding has been seeing these past weeks.

A certain Master Sergeant doesn't visit the Outpatient Branch as regularly now as when a certain Sgt. was on duty there.—Tch! Tch!

both the Pacific and European Theatres of Operations.

In June 1926 Colonel Heaton was married to Miss Sara Hill Richardson, of Glasgow, Kentucky, and they have one daughter, Sara Dudley, now 12 years old.

We welcome the colonel and his family back home to Letterman.

Picture

Mr. Murl Deusing will present his motion picture "BIG GAME HUNTING IN THE BACKYARD" Tuesday afternoon, December 4 at 2:00 p. m. in the recreation center. Mr. Deusing recently appeared with Town Hall as is shown in the attached clipping.

Mr. Deusing has 14 years of lecture experience with the Milwaukee Public Museum. He is president of the Wisconsin Ornithological Association and is a national director of the Isaac Walton League. He also represents the National Geographic Society in Washington D. C. and numerous similar organizations.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this extremely unusual and interesting motion picture.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday December 1st, and on Saturday December 15th at 9 p. m.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.

Junior hostesses will welcome you.

Chattanooga, Tenn (CNS)—A pedestrian, eating peanuts, dropped some on the sidewalk, slipped on them, accidentally kicked a cop while skidding, broke his leg when he fell. Now he's suing the cop for false arrest and the city for damages.

Chicago (CNS)—Neurotic Al Arati was thirsty. So he jumped from a bridge into the river, drank his fill and swam to shore. Awaiting him was an ambulance, a pulmotor and a cop. The latter arrested Al on a disorderly conduct charge.

Indianapolis (CNS)—Thieves entered a second hand men's shop on East Washington Ave, swiped 7 suits, returned 3 of them the next night because the pants didn't match.

Springfield, Ohio (CNS)—Willie Martin mixed a little home brew. The contents: iodine, turpentine, lighter fluid, shoe polish and wine. Hospital attendants say Willie will live.

San Francisco (CNS)—Adventurous Ronny Rittger, 10, and his pal Ed Perrier, 4, skipped home one day, lived for a week on cookies and old buns atop a movie theater. "It was hell," said worldly Ronny.

PETITE PINK PUPS POPULAR WITH PATIENTS WHO PATRONIZE POOCHES

Take a quick look through the door of Room 5 in Ward E-1 next time you pass and you'll find yourself staring directly into the eyes of a pink-and-blue giraffe. What's more, you'll see him flanked by a green dog and a blue duck—all part of the merchandise now being made and sold by the room's enterprising occupants, Sgt. George Bigelow and Private Donald Artimez.

Their flourishing business started when Don, who was wounded in the invasion of France, was assigned to one bed, and George, recovering from illness after spending 11 months in the CBI theater, drew the other bed. They discovered their mutual talent for putting woolly animals together, and decided to pool their abilities to round up some extra Christmas cash.

Both men have been in the Army for four years. George is a confirmed bachelor from St. Paul Minnesota, and Don, the proud papa of a boy almost four years old, calls San Diego home. When they decided to go into partnership, they counted their funds and sunk most of it in

raw materials. Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Rosenstock and Mrs. Oddie, volunteer workers in the Arts and Skills dept., made special trips downtown to buy wool for the boys. Also on their shopping list: button-eyes, sewing string, and red flannel for tongues.

Don and George work entirely without patterns, using their vivid imaginations to create new animals. George does the main body work, and Don does the decorations. Scot-ties are the most popular, judging from their advance orders, and another great favorite is the pink-and-blue pup "for unborn babies—so they have both colors in one!"

As soon as the boys catch up with their present orders, they'll branch out into goats, lambs and squirrels. Most of the woolly little creatures cost \$1.50, but the large giraffes set them back more, so they will have to charge \$3.00 for those.

Business is so good at the moment, George and Don are thinking of expanding their partnership into a post-war project. So if you're in the market for a mascot, better get your order in early!

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS (NS)

Let me tell you about Brooks Mendell. He's a mild-mannered, medium-sized man who holds degrees from 2 universities, lives in modest decorum at the Yale Club in New York, dresses in unaggressive good taste and speaks softly and in well-formed sentences. You wouldn't think—to look at him—that he can lick both Joe Louis and Billy Conn. But he can. He says so himself.

What's more, Petey Scalzo, the former bantamweight champion, says that if he knew all the tricks of self-defense that Brooks Mendell knows, he (Petey) could lick Louis himself. Petey weighs 118 pounds.

Brooks Mendell is the inventor of a system of self defense he calls "I Do," which combines the best defensive features of wrestling, judo, jujitsu and la savatte. Through it, Mendell does unusual things. He can, he says, "nullify" boxers, wrestlers, judo and jujitsu experts, muggers, knife-throwers, club-wavers and guys who merely make faces. And—oh, yes—he can lick Joe Louis and Billy Conn.

"In nullifying Louis," Mendell said recently, "I'd use my feet. He'd never lay a glove on me."

Mendell, who adopts his style of defense to the fighting style of his opponent, showed how to use his feet on Louis. It looked convincing.

"On Conn," he said, "I wouldn't need to use my feet." He gave the impression that Conn wouldn't be nearly as tough to nullify as Louis.

Mendell, who really isn't mad at anyone, bases his "I Do" technique on his knowledge of psychiatry. A psychology major at Syracuse University, a graduate student at Yale and an admirer of Freud, Jung and Adler, he believes "I Do" is the world's answer to man's inherent basic craving for self protection. "I don't teach people to start fights," says he. "I teach people how to end them."

So preoccupied did Mendell become with this self-defense proposition that he closed up his business and went into it full scale. During the war he trained Special Services officers at Lexington, Va, Marine Officers at Floyd Bennett Field and AAF officers at other stations throughout the East. He also gave demonstrations for GIs at camps all over the country and at several convalescent hospitals. "Wounded veterans can use this stuff, too," says he.



Mendell
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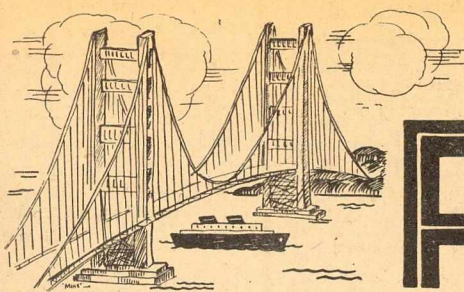
The Wolf

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"All out for 'Musical Chairs!'"



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New Separation Criteria Announced By Medical Dept.

The War Department has announced a revised separation criteria for officers of the Medical Department other than those of the Regular Army and the new change went into effect on 1 December.

Medical and Dental officers are eligible for relief from active duty if their adjusted service rating is 70, or if they have performed 42 months of service, or if they are 48 years of age to nearest birthday. There are certain exceptions for officers critical categories.

Veterinary officers are eligible for relief from active duty if their rating is 70 or if they are 42 years old, or if they have 42 months of active service.

Sanitary officers are eligible with 60 "points," or 42 years old, or 42 months of active service. Medical Administrative Corps officers may be relieved from active duty on the same basis.

Army Nurse Corps and Physical Therapists with 25 points, 30 years old, and 24 months service if they have dependent children under 14, or if married, or if held to limited service in the United States.

Dietitians need 30 points or 35 years of age under the above condition.

Length of service includes total active service since 16 September 1940 and adjusted service rated is computed at 2 September 1945.

King of the Souvenir Hunters

Kyoto, Japan (CNS)—Sgt Ernest B. Schnell is the champion souvenir hunter in Japan—in fact, that's his military job. He buys souvenirs for sale in PXs of the 6th Army, and has procured \$33,000 worth so far. He worked for a Swiss importing firm in a similar capacity before the war.



Colonel A. B. McKie, MC
Who returned to the Letterman staff this week.

Colonel A. B. McKie Comes Back to LGH

Returning to Letterman for his third tour of duty here came Colonel A. B. McKie, Medical Corps, and expressed his delight at being back again in these familiar surroundings.

Colonel McKie comes from Baxter General Hospital, at Spokane, Washington, where he spent the past three years as commanding officer. It fell to the colonel to activate that organization, preside over it during its official existence, and then close up after V-J Day.

In 1926 Col. McKie began his tour of duty at Letterman and was Chief of the Outpatient Service for five years. He returned in May 1940 as Executive Officer and remained in that capacity until he went to Baxter General Hospital in September 1942.

During the temporary absence of General Hillman on leave, Colonel McKie is acting commanding officer and will assume his regular duties on the return of the commanding general.

Medical Department Personnel in ETO Get 22,304 Awards

Medical Department personnel in the European Theater of Operations have received a total of 22,304 awards between the period of December 7, 1941 and October 1, 1945, including 97 Distinguished Service Crosses and 2,849 Silver Stars, according to a recent announcement by the Office of The Surgeon General.

Enlisted men of the Medical Department received 17,974 of the awards, officers 3,758, and nurses 572.

The 32,000 officers of the medical service in this theater (not including nurses) received four Distinguished Service Crosses, 196 Legions of Merit, four Clusters to the Legion of Merit, 200 Silver Stars, 20 Clusters to the Silver Star, 304 Soldier's Medals, 2,716 Bronze Star Medals, 308 Clusters to the Bronze Star, three Air Medals, and three Clusters to the Air Medal.

The Congressional Medal of Honor was received by one of the 202,000 Medical Department enlisted men in the European Theater of Operations. They also received 93 Distinguished Service Crosses, 16 Legions of Merit, 2646 Silver Stars, 110 Clusters to the Silver Star, 202 Soldier's Medals, 13,779 Bronze Star Medals, 808 Clusters to the Bronze Star Medal, 227 Air Medals, and 92 Clusters to the Air Medal.

Of the maximum number of 17,838 nurses serving in this theater, four were killed in action, one was taken prisoner, and 17 received the Purple Heart. They received five Legions of Merit, three Silver Stars, four Soldier's Medals, 322 Bronze Star Medals, one Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, 219 Air Medals, and 18 Clusters to the Air Medal.

EXODUS OF LETTERMAN OLD-TIMERS CONTINUES

The exodus of Letterman old timers into the cold cruel world of civilian life continues unabated and again this week we chronicle the departure of a quartette who have been around here for a long time.

Probably the best known of the foursome who are doffing the uniform is Staff Sgt. Robert J. Bement



ROBERT J. BEMENT

who joined the army in 1940 as a doughboy, became a patient, landed at Letterman eight months later and when recovered decided to remain as a medical corpsman.

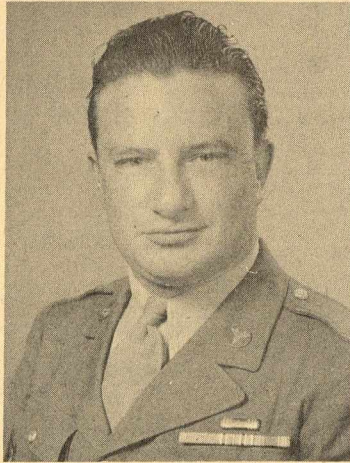
Bob started out as an MP and then developed into a good wardmaster. In those days we still had recruits to train and he became the drillmaster. It was not until he transferred to the old E. & R. that Bob really became a fixture around the post. He was the janitor of the theatre and the assistant coach of the basket and baseball teams and the property man and altogether one of the most useful men in the command. He drew no fine line on where his duties ended and some other section took over. In his mind he was here to help wherever he could and he was always "putting out" for some one or some thing.

In shuffling off the uniform Bob does not intend to desert these familiar spots. He has accepted a civil service appointment as supervisor of janitors and he will still be available when anyone wants anything.

Ending four years and ten months duty at Letterman by his separation from the service this week was Staff Sgt. Firminio, B. Cavalli. The draft

caught him at his native town of Oakland—just across the bay—and from the Monterey Reception Station he came to Letterman. He stuck rather close to the professional side of the hospital in his work on the ENT section and in Surgery.

For the past year he has been in the office of the Chief of the Surgical Service and his long experience made him a valuable man. He had acquired a comprehensive knowledge of matter related to the surgical service and helped maintain the high standard of co-operation extended by that branch at all times. He met the exacting requirements of the chief of that service in all particulars.



FIRMINIO B. CAVALLI

Before coming into the army Sgt. Cavalli was connected with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company at Oakland and he expects to resume that occupation in the early future. Just wants a little time to relax after the strain of these past war days and contemplate whether or not he is prepared for matrimony. We might mention he is still single at this writing but he would make no comment on his intentions.

Following his confrers into the outer world this week is Staff Sgt. John W. Dean, Jr., who also runs nine months over four years at Letterman. It must not be supposed that it is open season on the four year men and their separation is a matter of their choice. We would like to retain all of the men who have developed into valuable assets to this command and we are reluctant to see them leave.

Sgt. Dean was a native of Michigan, and later lived in Kansas City where he finished high school. Then with a perspicacity so common to the folks who live in the middle west he moved out to California. Here in the Golden State the war caught up with him and in February 1941 he came to Letterman via Monterey. He began on the wards and very early in his career as a corpsman he caught the eye of the supervisor of Police & Personnel and moved over to that office.

For four years he held down a desk in that location and moved up via the promotion line from private to staff sergeant. Dean had an outstanding record for dependability and when he was arranging the slate of assignments to ward duty there was never any confusion about who went where for the work of the day or night. And it might be remarked that the covering of forty wards with the necessary attendants is no small task. There is always the emergency



JOHN W. DEAN, JR.

cropping up that has to be met and Dean was a past master at that.

He was married in 1942 to Miss Evelyn Thomas of Petaluma and plans to settle in business for himself in San Francisco. Sgt. Dean is one of the faithful men who will always be welcome back at Letterman whenever he has the time to drop in for a visit.

Anyone walking along the corridor near the post office these days might get the idea a conspiracy was afoot to wreck the postal service. First the eminent postmaster leaves

us via the separation process and then the carpenters go to work with hammer and claw and things happen to the wall facing the corridor. We had just about satisfied ourselves that everything was in order when the news broke that another of the postal staff wanted "out" and was on the way.

Sergeant Wilver W. Wessel came to us in January 1942 and was assigned to the post office. He soon became a familiar figure on the wards as the man who packed the mail to the patients and it would be interesting to learn how many pieces of mail he packed in the four years of his service. He had probably read the famous inscription over the post office in Washington—a quote from Herodotus — "Neither heat nor glom, nor rain nor snow, shall stay these messengers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

Wessel was an advocate of the policy—the mail must go through—and he never tarried along the route to make conversation with the attractive nurses or youthful Wacs on the wards. Being a married man had nothing to do with habit; he just had a job to do and did it.

When he attaches the discharge emblem to his uniform blouse he will

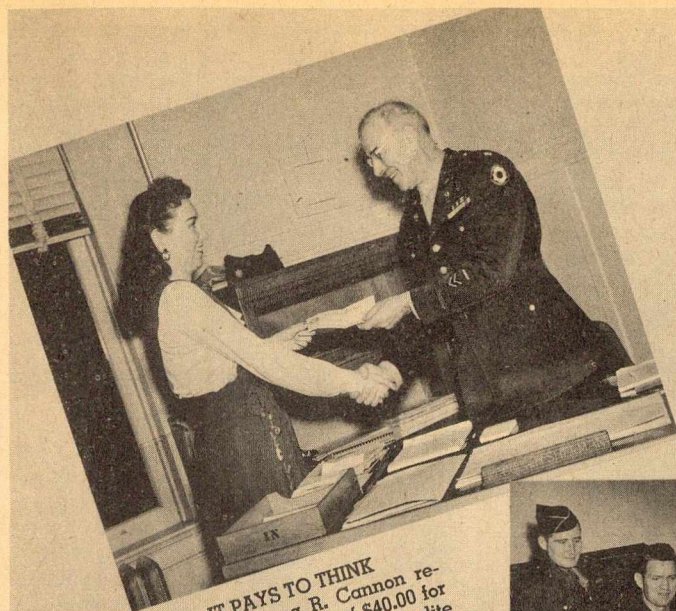


WILVER W. WESSEL

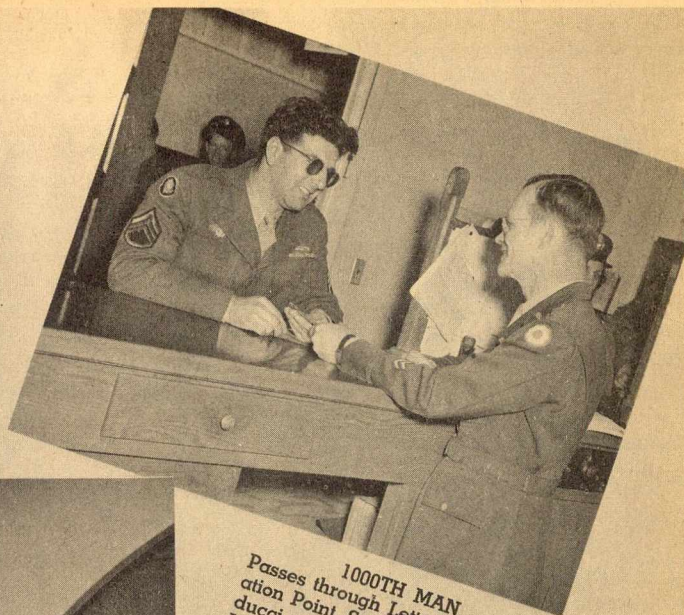
hie himself back to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and resume the life so suddenly interrupted when the war began.

Aloha and the best of luck to all four.

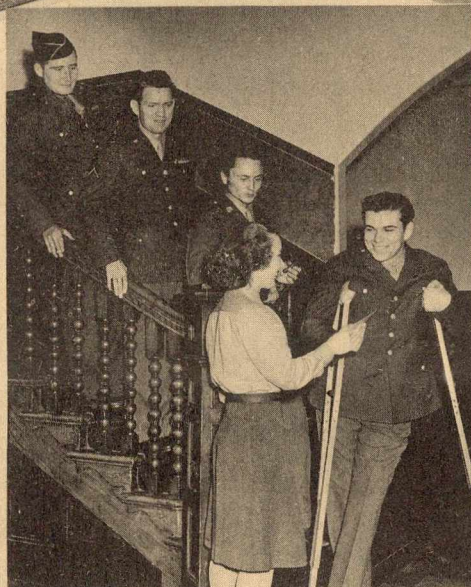
PHOTOS TELL THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK AT LGH



IT PAYS TO THINK
And Mrs. Donna R. Cannon receives a cash award of \$40.00 for thinking up a method to expedite the reception of patients. Lt. Col. J. H. Sherman parts with the money.



1000TH MAN
Passes through Letterman Separation Point. St. Sgt. Ernest P. Parducci receives his final pay from Lieut. George D. Dowling, Letterman paymaster.

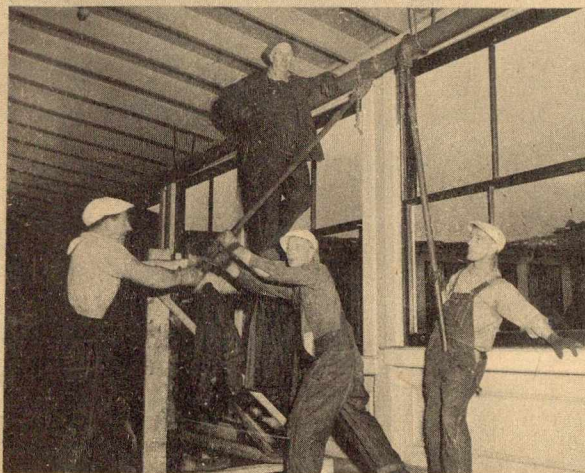


DINNER AT OMAR'S

Sgt. Vernice Jaques passes out invitation from Mr. George Mardikian to L to R-Pic. Charles W. Shaw, Pfc. Maurice Melvin, Pfc. Kenneth Holder, and Pvt. Harry Thomas.

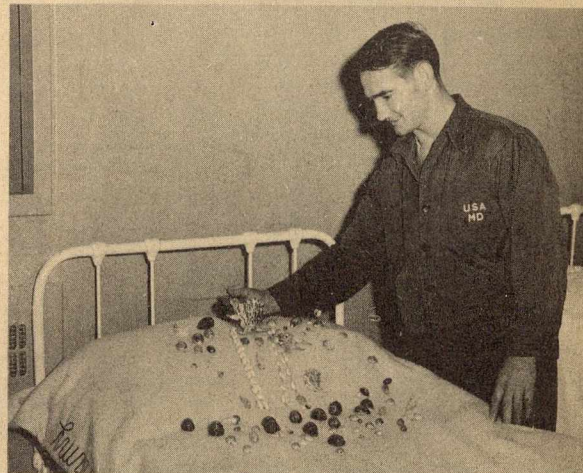
NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Being installed on all corridors as an additional protection against fire hazards.



SHELLS FROM 6 PACIFIC ISLES

Are in the collection brought home by Pfc. James I. Brasher.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

VICTORY BONDS

The Victory Bond campaign will come to an end today and will mark the last of the drives to induce our citizens to invest some of their surplus cash in the security of our country.

There have been seven war loan campaigns since the war clouds made the first appearance to darken our days and success crowned the efforts of the Treasury Department in every instance. There was whole hearted co-operation on the part of industry and individual to send every loan over the top of the figure set as the goal.

The Victory Loan campaign has been in progress for several weeks and sales figures indicate that once again the set goal has been reached. Everyone likes to participate in a victory whether on the field of sports or in a world conflict. This particular victory in the campaign for bond sales appears to have had the support of the great majority of our people. There is still time to make participation unanimous.

If you have not invested in Victory Bonds there is still time to do so today. The final results will show the world where we stand in support of our country and the obligations we have toward the men and women who have fought the good fight.

They have finished their job—let's finish ours.



By Jeanne Riha

First Lieutenant Madeline McManus, who made the news last week with her discharge from service via LGH separation point, breaks into print again this week—this time with her marriage Wednesday night to 1st Lieutenant Donald Frankenhauser at the Presidio chapel.

A member of the ANC staff for about three years, Lt. McManus met the bridegroom while he was stationed with the army engineers in this area two years ago before going overseas; he recently returned.

The bride, just out of officers' dark greens and pinks, wore traditional white for the ceremony; her matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Nancy McPhaden, who works in the LGH dental clinic and who wore tea-rose taffeta for the occasion. A reception in the nurses' recreation hall followed.

The newlyweds planned to journey back east, first to Indiana and then New York. They both plan eventually to enter the University of Indiana for advanced college work.

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Word has got around among her ANC friends at Letterman that Capt. Lizzie O. Woods, assistant chief nurse now on 15-day leave, is expecting to leave for overseas duty this January. Just before being assigned here last December, the attractive, gray-haired captain had returned from duty in Australia and New Guinea.

Also getting ready for overseas duty is Captain Margaret J. Giles, who came to Letterman in July, 1943, immediately after joining the army, and has been in the psychiatric section here ever since. Psychiatry has been her specialty throughout her professional career.

Transferred to the personnel replacement depot, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, this week preparatory to overseas duty were Captain Shirley R. Timewell and 2nd Lts. Bernice Agar, Phyllis M. Brown, Frances E. Dodge, Emma F. Haskett, Leonille Dufault, Jean H. Smith, Teresa D. Felch and Marie A. Souza.

On leave this week—1st Lts. Mary M. Maslin, Frances I. Reanier and Frances Durkin and 2nd Lts. Miriam Krauch and June D. Harris.



Noel, the Wac band puppy mascot, making application for release after two years of service. She plans to make her home in Nashville, Tenn.

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A new telephone on Broderick Street—have you tried WEst 2889 recently?

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The 40 hour week here for civilian employees—but not for the Army yet!

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T/Sgt. Charles Wilcox enlisting for the duration and long after.

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Mrs. Rhonda Yarter getting ready for the big Christmas rush at the Post Exchange—and still gracious withal.

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Col. Horace S. Villers, Port Surgeon, in for a visit with the news that his war is still on.

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First Lieut. Daisy Matthews and 1st Lieut. Frances Bergeron back from the wars and here to see old friends.

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Capt. Eva Yost busy on a packing detail before moving off to Fort Stevens on a change of station.

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T/Sgt. Jack Lavelle wondering where he can get cigars for the Christmas packages this year. Perhaps Sgt. Tamey could tell him.

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Sgt. Jeanne Riha back from her furlough and the rare experience of communing with nature in the solitude of a redwood forest cabin.

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Miss Billie Nelson, Gray Lady, rushing to get to Ward 43. Billie has worked at LGH for 25 consecutive years as a volunteer on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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Major Rex Clayton accepting congratulations up and down the corridors, after the safe arrival of Master Jimmy Clayton, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

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Mister Harry Hirshorn making another one of his frequent trips to Lt. Frances Peterson's office to purchase a War Bond.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, December 9, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services, Daily Mass 1700. Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner at Omar's

Mr. George M. Mardikian, proprietor of the world famed "Omar Khayyam" restaurant of San Francisco, who has for the past three war years entertained the patients of the Army and Navy hospitals in the bay area at a Thanksgiving Dinner, did not forget the war wounded this year just because the war is over.

General Hillman has received 30 tickets from Mr. Mardikian which entitle the bearer to a full dinner at his restaurant, and the dinners may be had at the convenience of the holder, with everything "on the house."

The patients fortunate enough to be presented with this latest evidence of Mr. Mardikian's good will should have something they can long remember.

1000th Man Out

Staff Sergeant Ernest P. Parducci, whose three years in the army have been enlivened by a fast-moving stream of coincidental distinctions, finished up his military career Monday with an appropriate flourish by being the 1,000th man discharged by the Letterman separation point.

Parducci, San Francisco musician, landed in France Thanksgiving day 1944. He was captured by the Germans December 19, his mother's birthday, was liberated the following Good Friday, debarked from France May day of this year, and landed in the states Mother's day. For the last two months he has been assigned to 1960 Train Unit.

Los Angeles (CNS) — Ex-GI Bill Smith, a cop, was patrolling his beat in downtown Los Angeles when he saw a motorist knock off a pedestrian. A moment later Cop Smith was not unpleasantly surprised to discover that the errant driver was his old top kick.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JACQUELINE M. GENTHON
Technician Third Grade

To bunkmates whose entrance into the army was their first contact with life outside of the home state, Jacqueline M. Genthon's travel-packed, adventure-logged life sounds like something out of an 18th century novel. To Jacqueline the experiences behind her hold too much of the element of newness to seem anything but realistic, some of them grimly realistic.

The blonde Wac, distinguished by a soft French accent, became a detachment member and psychiatric social worker at Letterman November 17. She came here from Hoff General Hospital, where she had been assigned a year of her 18-month army career.

Born in New Jersey, Jacqueline lived in this country until she was 7 when her father, who was working in Panama where conditions were not the best for growing children, arranged for her to live with her grandmother in France.

There Jacqueline grew up and attended famous Sorbonne University where she was working for her master's degree in social work when the Germans invaded. She fled south but returned, determined to complete her education and get her degree.

Once back in occupied territory, however, Jacqueline found it impossible to escape. Three times she tried, alone, to escape across the river into free country but was unsuccessful. "It was very difficult to escape. All along the river were guards and patrols," she explained.

After Pearl Harbor, Jacqueline, known to be an American citizen, was intently watched by German headquarters, her home looted and her activities regulated.

In September 1942 two members of the Gestapo, on 10 minutes' notice, took her prisoner. She was in-

Building Boom Due Soon Will Provide Many Jobs

By Camp Newspaper Service

One of a Series on Post-War Jobs

When it comes, the boom in the building and construction industry will be a beaut, but the "when" may not come for some time. A tremendous backlog of work exists—new housing, factories, office space, public works, and maintenance work deferred on account of the war.

In due time, this boom will afford hundreds of thousands of jobs, for skilled workers in nearly a hundred crafts, and for a host of unskilled men. But shortages of materials and the hope of many in the field to wait out the removal of price and rent ceilings is causing delay. The boom therefore may not come for 6 months or more.

Wartime construction was below that during the bottom of the depression. But, according to the U.S. Dept. of Labor, post-war construction for 5 years will exceed the best 5-year period before the war, which took place in the mid-20's. Says the Labor Dept., the volume of work will probably exceed 10.9 billions, at 1940 cost levels. Of this total, 6.1 billions were reported in the design stage as of Jan 1, 1945, and there were nearly 3 times as many proposed projects which had not gotten that far.

It's a Lot of Jobs

You can see that that represents a lot of jobs, inasmuch as one out of 17 workers in the U.S. labor force as of 1940 was directly engaged in new construction and maintenance activities. Three-fourths of these, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers, were skilled. Most important crafts, in order, were carpenters, painters, electricians, plumbers and steamfitters, machinery operators, and masons.

For vets, therefore, things look good—or will when the building boom gets going. Lewis H. Brown, president, Johns-Manville Corp., one of the biggest makers of building materials in the business, foresees that 4 to 5 million will be working in the field by 1949, of which 1,270,000 jobs will be filled, he predicts, from veterans alone. An indication of the need is seen in the fact that last summer 75% of the workmen were over 43, whereas the figure was 50% before the war.

turned in Vittel camp on the French-German border for 18 months. There she was a social worker and, as such, not only had to endure the rigors of prison life herself but also come in intimate contact with the suffering and maladjustments of others of the 3,000 interned Americans and British.

Brown predicts that if all 600,000 servicemen who came from the industry return to their jobs, there will still be more than 1,000,000 jobs to fill. Some 450,000 alone will be needed as salesmen, sales managers, office, warehouse, and yard personnel. Moreover, Brown continues, the 1,000,000 who worked before the war in factories making building materials will be considerably increased.

Brown's own company recently broke ground on a 6-building research project in Bound Brook, N. J., the beginning of a \$40,000,000 expansion program which is expected to provide 25% more jobs than the 12,000 which Johns-Manville provided before Pearl Harbor.

Pay May Go Up

U. S. Gypsum, another important factor in the field, informed CNS that it expects a growth from 7200 to 10,000, but believes that its labor requirements will be met by vets who formerly worked for the company. Otis Elevator Co writes that its personnel needs for installations and modernizations will be double that during the period from 1930 to 1940.

As for pay, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the average weekly earnings of union wage earners in the field were \$50.18 for a 39-hour week. Today union bricklayers in New York are making more than the union scale of \$14 for a 7-hour day, indicating the great need for their services. However, while work should be steady during the boom, it is notoriously seasonal in normal times.

The industry is pretty thoroughly unionized, primarily by the AFL, and some internationals make entrance difficult for apprentices and other non-members.

In some quarters, there is a forecast of the tremendous growth of prefabricated housing. Undoubtedly, there will be an expansion, but that it will eliminate or seriously affect normal construction is questionable. For one thing, there is an insufficient degree of public acceptance. Moreover, both contractors and labor are opposing any such trend.

Again on short notice, 24 hours this time, Jacqueline was returned to the United States in February 1944 on the Gripsholm. With memories of the war, as she had seen it, fresh in her mind, Jacqueline wanted to have an active part in serving the Allied cause; she enlisted in the Wac.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



FLOYD H. TILTON

The studious looking, lanky sergeant in the Receiving Office whose long legs may be frequently seen draped over the arm of a swivel chair in moments of repose is a familiar figure to those who must drop in to have minor repairs made on their person. Sergeant Floyd H. Tilton is that familiar figure and he seems to have been around here so long that the memory of man runs not to the contrary.

Come next March it will be three years since this erstwhile citizen of Glendale, ex-native of Neligh, Nebraska, heeded the call of Uncle Sam and joined up for the duration. On reporting to Letterman he was assigned to the Receiving Office and he has been there ever since. It was not long before he acquired traits peculiar to the men on duty in that office, and the habit of sticking on the job day and night soon displayed itself. Like all other departments there are so-called "duty hours" for that staff but no attention is paid to hours—they work as long as there is work to do, and if a large convoy is expected to come in all hands will stand by until it arrives.

Working on a schedule like that makes it fortunate Sgt. Tilton is still single. No wife could ever keep a dinner warm until he got home because he never knows when he will get home.

However, he is not allergic to matrimony so the husband hunters may keep on trying.

Art in London Pubs

London (CNS)—Because they want to "bring art and the pub into closer communion," 4 English brewing companies have commissioned artists to paint 164 pictures which will be circulated from bar to bar. It's part of a plan to revive the beauty that used to be everywhere in the old English inns, say the sponsors.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has ended.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the Separation Center during the past week: S/Sgts. Wilbur James, George C. Wells and Edward G. Bohanon; Sgts. Charles R. Heberer, Howard P. Reeder and Dale P. Renaud; T/4th Gr. Robert B. McCoy and James E. Shaffer; Cpls. Joseph B. Baudino, John Blakeney, Verne Buckle, Robert S. Dotseth, Joseph B. Henson, William C. Jarding and Alfred L. Slosberg; T/5th Gr. Colin B. Campbell, Buron A. Blatz, Eddie H. Rathburn, Leroy C. Simenson and Wilton R. McLachlan; Pvts. David A. Lombas, Marion L. Smith, Simon J. Richard, Lincoln H. McClintic, Francis M. Carey, Thomas H. Harris, Willie V. King, Lemuel A. Glenn, Harold L. Houser, Charles C. Humphries, Elza C. Minor, Vernon G. Krueger, Emanuel M. Raimundo, Thomas M. Shirkey and Anthony R. Costa.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: T/Sgt. Conrad H. Niemeyer; S/Sgts. Chester Parnell and George W. Lliteras; Sgts. Ellis E. Rutland, Stephen Pilat and Allen E. Garvin; Cpls. Armand L. Roy, Herman E. Allen and Leo Lang; T/5th Gr. Mitchell I. Fark; Pvts. Bud H. Foster, Samuel W. Beckford, Emilio R. Lozano, Gadas W. Kilian and Alfred L. Larr.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Congratulations are in order for T/Sgt. Robert B. Larson who was promoted to Master Sergeant.

Sgt. Lou D. Slott back on duty after a 15 day leave which he spent learning how to bring up baby.

T/4th Gr. John R. Barsocchini buying himself a car in order to get home more often, but from the looks of his "Rattler" he ought to make it home about three times without a break down.

The Letterman Bowling Team going to Camp Stoneman for a Ninth Service Command Tournament. But no word from them as yet.

THE GEORGIA PEACH CROP IS STILL UNSURPASSED—MEET MAJOR BENTON



Major ANNE A. BENTON, ANC
Assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse.

It isn't that we are going in for blondes in a big way in this paper—just happens that another very attractive young lady with hair of that hue has joined our station, so for the second week in succession—a blonde. Some of our brunettes will say that anyone could tell a man is editor of the paper or why all this about blondes. And the editor retorts—no comment.

Major Anne Allene Benton, ANC regular, has joined us from Hawaii, and is the new assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse. The major joined the regular army nurse corps at Fort Benning in 1938 and was sent out to Schofield Barracks in March 1941. She was there when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor and recalls very vividly that fateful Sunday morning in December 1941—a day that dawned with promise of being as peaceful as all days over there and ended with us engaged in a long war.

Major Benton was then a second lieutenant and had plenty of work

in the care of the wounded from Hickam and Wheeler Fields who were brought to the Station Hospital at Schofield. She was promoted to first lieutenant on 6 April 1943 and in July of the same year was assigned as Chief Nurse of the 22nd Station Hospital and sent over to the Island of Maui. She became Captain on 13 May 1944 and a major on 2 May 1945. Four and a half years was the length of her tour in Hawaii.

Major Benton is a native of Newnan, Georgia, and took her professional training at the City Hospital, Columbus, in the same state. The proximity of Fort Benning gave that sleepy southern city a military atmosphere and it was only natural the young nurse should adopt the army as a career.

So far as we know she is still single though we wouldn't know why except from choice. Major Benton is welcome and hope she will soon believe that California is the best state in the union and San Francisco the best city in the world.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

We'll waive the usual preliminaries this week and get right down to facts. Our correspondent from the Lab, **Jean Peetz**, reports that her sister, **Ruth**, has been transferred to Dante, where she is carrying on admirably. **Helen Day** will be home shortly from a winter vacation in Tennessee. **Stella Jackson** is taking leave to do her Christmas shopping leisurely, which is a splendid idea, forsooth. **Joanne Edlin**, whom we miss greatly, is working at the Mt. Zion Hospital Lab. **Julia Harvey** liked her work so well during her army career that she's returned to us in civvies.

After a peaceful vacation in Victorville on the desert, **Flora Bambino** has come back with renewed vigor to take up her duties in the Civ Pers Br.

Maud Crumley, ever eager to give credit to "her girls" informs us that **Margaret Collins** deserves a gold medal for her willingness in giving blood donations. When called on Thanksgiving Day, she left her sumptuous repast to dash to the Lab. You have our highest praises, Margaret.

Letterman seems to be a locale conducive to the budding and flowering of romance. The latest case on record is that of **Billy June Martin** and **Sanford Locke**. Billy June, now Mrs. Locke, met her husband while he was an LPW patient here. His post-war project is cooking in the East Hospital Mess.

We spied **Bob Bement** on the ramp very natively turned out in a brown pin-stripe suit with matching accessories. Bob will become "one of us" on Monday when he takes over the supervision of the Hospital Police. He seems to be taking the transition from Sgt. to Mr. in his stride and we wish him well.

Verta Frank, of the Motor Pool is changing her place of residence to Ukiah, Calif. Frankie was known far and wide and her absence will be a blow to everyone.

Omaha (CNS) — **Bijou Kay**, a strip-tease danceuse, caught her G-string in the curtain while concluding her act. Result: 6 spectators were injured in the scramble.

Wilmington, Del (CNS) — The housing shortage has reached such extremes here that one local resident commutes every night to New York just so he can sleep on the train.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

At the risk of having to dodge some 300 pairs of GI shoes and numerous well-filled utility bags, this columnist has to admit she is glad to be back from furlough. After a week in the wilds of northern California, the barracks have acquired an atmosphere of luxury and lush living.

The original idea was good as they usually are—peace and quiet and back-to-nature in a solitary cabin in the Redwoods. It should have stopped at the original idea.

But it didn't.

The cabin, "on the banks of the lovely Eel River," quoting the circular, was bordered on the other three sides by pools of rain water that trickled down from the surrounding hills in picturesque continuous little rivulets. On a clear day, and the word is singular, you could see the blue sky reflected in the pools; the rest of the time you just saw the pools.

The major disaster occurred shortly after arrival on a rainy Sunday afternoon. After coaxing along a fire with half a copy of the American, the comic section of a San Francisco daily, the remnants of an old broom and a third of a pint of kerosene, I gently set my rain-clogged shoes atop the stove to dry, and relaxed on the double bed. The shoes dried while I slept; at least at first they dried; then they burned, all but a thin mud-caked film at the bottom which was fastened on with three sturdy nails.

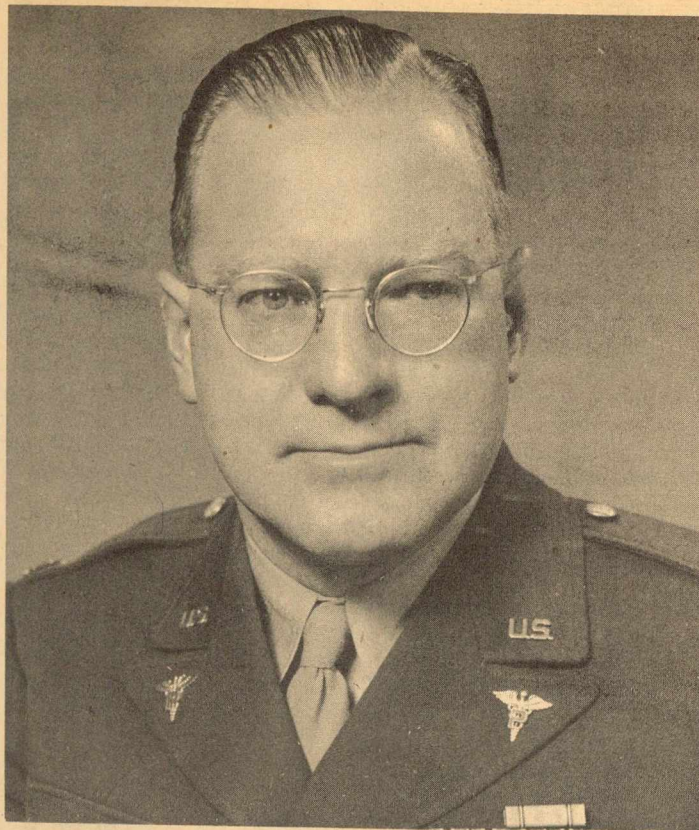
During the week I mastered the art of stepping on stones, grass snakes and other rough patches with the nails which are quite an improvement on mere leather when it comes to durability.

But the vacation—with a modulated chuckle—had its bright, or at least non-rainy, side. Since the nearest restaurant was at the other end of a block of swampland, I found it simpler to do my own cooking. Much of it was over the wood stove which lent a pleasant, rustic, smoky flavor.

At times the flavor was more rustic and less pleasant; once a flipped pancake missed its mark and fell into the fire; a stick supporting a broiling tomato suddenly became inadequate. These items were rescued

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LT. COL. McCULLOUGH JOINS THE HOME COMING FORMER LETTERMANITES



Lieut. Col. HOMER C. McCULLOUGH, P.C.
Who takes over command of the Medical Detachment.

Some of these days some one will come up with a remark about homing pigeons and it will be prompted by the return of so many former Lettermanites to the scene of their early crimes or something. Could be that with the war out of the way many of our regulars are prepared to settle down and enjoy the piping times of peace—and what better place than Letterman?

Among the recent arrivals is Lieutenant Colonel Homer C. McCullough, Pharmacy Corps, and he comes back after an absence of ten years to take command of the Medical Department 1972 SCU in succession to Major Lemuel R. Williams, MAC, who becomes assistant commander.

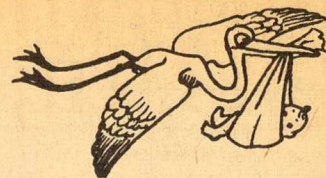
Colonel McCullough is a native of St. Mary's West Virginia, and joined the army in August 1926 with his first station at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver. He was commissioned in the Medical Administrative Corps four years later and like so many of the regulars he has been places since that event.

He has served at Fort Mills on Corregidor, and Fort William McKinley in the Philippines; at Letterman, as we have said above, Carlisle Field Service Medical School, and remained at Fort Benning for more than five years.

After the outbreak of the war Col. McCullough was sent to the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Robinson and ten months later to Camp Carson, Colo., where he organized the 33rd Medical Depot Company and went overseas for duty with the Third Army. He returned to the United States in the spring of 1945 and was stationed at Torney General Hospital—his last permanent station before joining Letterman.

While in the Philippines he married Miss Katherine Stecker, daughter of our one time Director of Supply, Lt. Col. Hubert A. Stecker. They have three children, Richard H., 9 years, Robert B., 7 years, and Elizabeth Sue, 4 years of age.

It is a safe guess that whatever Elizabeth Sue wants is what the McCullough family does.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Deminis Bales, a son, **Louis Anthony**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 26 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frederick J. Klemeyer, a son, **Frederick John**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounce, born 26 November.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. John L. Martin, a son, **James Dallam**, weight 8 pounds and 12 ounces, born 26 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Carey Tompkins, a daughter, **Susan Lee**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 26 November.

To WO and Mrs. Harold G. Meller, a son, **Harold David**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 27 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Dale E. Callanan, a daughter, **Barbara Lynn**, weight 7 pounds, born 28 November.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Ernest N. Long, a daughter, **Carole Jean**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 29 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. John J. McDermott, a daughter, **Audrey Sharon**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 29 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Melvin Bentley, a daughter, **Carmel**, weight 4 pounds and 2 ounces, born 30 November.

To Major and Mrs. Rex P. Clayton, a son, **James Thomas**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 1 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert R. Enloe, a daughter, **Mary Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 1 December.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Billy Lowe, a daughter, **Kathy Sue**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 1 December.

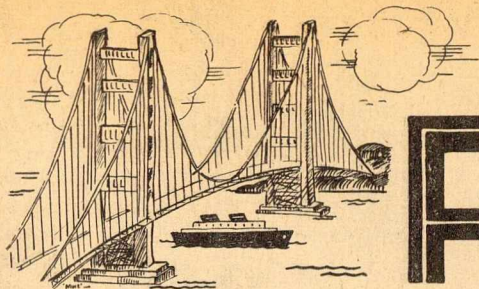
To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Peavler, a son, **Steven Paul**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 1 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jacob M. Stomierowski, a daughter, **Barbara Frances**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 1 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John E. Arlington, a daughter, **Sheryl Rae**, weight 7 pounds, born 2 December.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Edward W. Bushing, a son, **Edward William Jr.**, weight 5 pounds and 10 ounces, born 2 December.

"It's a small world, isn't it?"



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Barbara Britton Visits Patients In LGH Wards

Honey-blond Barbara Britton, young star from Hollywood, visited Letterman Thursday morning, and asked everyone she met if he knew "a tall blond soldier named Olson!" While she was on a hospital tour in Florida a few weeks ago, one of the Occupational Therapy workers asked her to look up a patient here—and that was all the information she had.

Barbara came to San Francisco for a few days to help advertise the premiere of her latest picture, "Captain Kidd," which opens Christmas Day at the United Artists Theater. She's the leading lady, playing opposite Charles Laughton and Randolph Scott, and has the added distinction of being the only woman in the entire cast.

She began her tour by doing an interview with Bob Colvig of the Radio Room and went from there to K-1, C-1, D-1 and E-1. In C-1, she came through the door so fast, Carmen Ungaro and Maurice Melvin didn't have a chance to carry out their plan to trap her under the mistletoe hanging above the entrance to their room.

Her visit was an added surprise for Joe Mello on his birthday, and Joe got an advance peek at his birthday cake, to give Photographer Hazel Robinson a chance to get a picture of Barbara helping him blow out the candles. While she was there, she discovered Corporal Leonard Hartsell, working in Septic Surgery. She and Leonard went to school together in Long Beach, California. Another familiar face was Sgt. Robert Keyes, whom she had seen at Drew Field Regional Hospital during her Florida hospital tour.



Captain MARY E. TYRRELL, ANC
Who left this week for civilian life

Captain Mary E. Tyrrell Leaves The Service

One of the latest of our old timers to leave these hallowed precincts is Captain Mary E. Tyrrell, Army Nurse Corps Reserve. She came to active duty here on 1 April 1941 and was assigned to Ward A-1 where she has remained for her entire tour with one brief exception on another ward.

Captain Tyrrell is a native of Mackinaw, Ill., but plans to make her home in Chappells, South Carolina, after her marriage to Lieut. Lewis D. Sharp, at present with the

Coast Guard, but soon to be a civilian. The wedding is tentatively set for late January.

Captain Tyrrell left on terminal leave yesterday and took with her the best wishes of a host of grateful patients as well as the same from all who were associated with her on professional duties.

The revised criteria for separation of nurses from active duty has made many eligible to resume civilian status and we can look for a steady parade outward bound from the service.

Local Separation Point is Closed For The Duration

The LGH separation point, for which some thirteen hundred discharged enlisted men, officers and nurses will probably have a permanent feeling of fondness, closed its doors Friday to high pointers after approximately three months of existence as one of the most popular departments of the hospital.

The section, since its opening September 17, separated 1,337 members of the armed forces. Of this number 1,041 were enlisted men; 189 female officers (excluding women doctors) and 107 male officers and women doctors.

Last group to be discharged through the local separation point started its journey Wednesday down the bench-lined west half of the administration office's second floor and concluded proceedings Friday with the traditional finale at third-floor finance office.

Although the office, as a favorite hospital service, ceased to exist yesterday and the cleaning men will probably soon start hauling away benches and the containers into which were flipped many a nervously-smoked cigarette, the office itself will not close up for a few more weeks.

"We still have a lot of odds and ends to finish up," explained Lt. Rogers Cox, in charge of the office since its beginning.

Next door to the office is the separation - classification section which handled interviews with prospective civilians before the separation department opened and will go on with its counseling program, now to be limited to military personnel discharged for physical reasons.

Lt. George J. Kaplan heads the separation-classification section.

From September through mid-December the section has conducted

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What Every Veteran Should Know

By Camp Newspaper Service

When Joe Dough walked off the reservation at the separation center at Camp Crud, Nebraska, he had an honorable discharge in his hand, a discharge emblem sewn on the outside of his blouse, 50 bucks in cash in his pocket and a check for \$225 (including back pay, muster out pay and soldier savings) in his wallet. He was out of the Army. The world was his oyster. He felt good.

What Joe didn't dig until he was half way home was the fact that although he was out of the Army, he remained knee-deep in chicken. He discovered he couldn't shake off military life as soon as he had hoped.

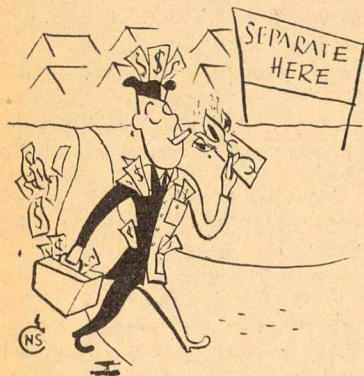
In the first place, Joe found he must report within 10 days of his discharge to his selective service board. Here he received a new draft classification as well as advice and assistance on employment opportunities in his neighborhood.

Next, Joe learned to his woe that he was over his head in paper work. In applying for veteran benefits, he discovered, he had to have handy his serial number, discharge papers, pension "C" number, draft classification, GI insurance policies, social security card, birth certificate and marriage certificate. Without these he's lost.

Finally, Joe discovered that there's a lot about the Army and the aid it gives veterans that he had never heard about. For instance:

Mustered-Out Pay

If a vet leaves the armed services with an honorable discharge, he will be handed \$100 muster-out pay. He receives an additional \$100 a month later if he had been in the service over 60 days. Vets who have served over-



seas or in Alaska receive a third \$100 the following month. All servicemen are entitled to 5 cents a mile for transportation from the place of discharge to the place of their enlistment, and to save enlisted men from embarrassment they're given uniforms, socks, shoes, and underclothes to wear home. A service emblem completes the dischargee's outfit.

Insurance

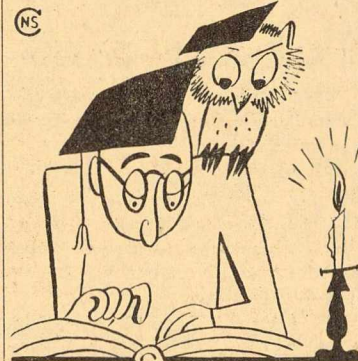
Former servicemen who want to keep their National Service Life Insurance policies should check through their discharge papers to find out when the next premium is due, and before that date send a check or money order to Collections Sub-division, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., and make it payable to the Treasurer of the United States. Vets wishing to reduce the amount of their insurance should write the VA to that effect. However, the amount of insurance must be a multiple of \$500, and the minimum is \$1000.

Since National Service Life Insurance is presently limited to an 8-year term, a policyholder may want to convert before that period expires to government ordinary life, 20-payment life, or 30-payment life. This can be done by filling out VA Form 1535. The new policy will have a cash value after a year and vets may borrow on it if necessary, but conversion will sharply increase premium costs.

All persons who arranged to postpone payment on private insurance when they entered the service must bring their payments up-to-date within 2 years after discharge, if they wish to continue the insurance. If in a position to do so, ex-servicemen may want to keep both NSLI and private insurance.

Education

Want to make a few post-war improvements on your mental faculties? One of the best features in the G.I. Bill of Rights is its educational provisions; vets who have been in active duty 90 days or more, regardless of their age at time of enlistment, are eligible for a year in the classroom, or its part-time equivalent, all expenses paid. The VA pays tuition, fees, cost of supplies and books, up to \$500 a school year, and \$50 monthly living expenses for an unmarried person. A wife, husband, or other dependent rates an additional \$25. The same set-up is available to vets who



want to learn a trade. If that desire for knowledge still continues after the first year, students can pore over the life of

Beethoven or analyze the types of sanitary plumbing for an additional period up to 3 years, dependent upon the number of years in service, provided they have a good scholastic record and were under 25 years of age when they entered service. Students over 25, to get additional years, must be able to show that their training or education was interrupted by their entry into military service. Prospective students must meet the academic requirements of the school decided upon. The school must also be accredited. But that still leaves a wide-open field of public or private elementary or secondary schools, business schools, scientific and technical institutions, vocational and professional schools, junior colleges, normal schools and teachers colleges, and conventional colleges and universities. Some will give credit for certain types of military experience as well as Army correspondence courses, which should please school-bound GIs.

Disabled vets unable to work at their old jobs because of a service-connected vocational handicap are almost sure bets to be eligible for the Vocational Rehabilitation program. To be eligible, a person must have a discharge other than dishonorable, and must be entitled to a pension. He can go to school 4 years without even charge for transportation to and from school, and will receive a pension of \$92 a month if single, \$103.50 if married, plus \$5.75 for each dependent child, and \$11.50 for each dependent parent.

Loans

Under the GI Bill of Rights, an ex-serviceman can't get a loan directly from the government. The government, however, will guarantee payment of one half of a loan, but will not guarantee more than \$2000, regardless of the total amount of the loan. The loan may be made by any bank, corporation, firm or individual, and may be used for a house, farm or business, subject to the approval of the Administration. VA loan guarantees may also be used in connection with borrowing money through one of the government lending agencies. Loans guaranteed by the Administration bear interest of not more than 4% a year and must be paid up within 20 years. Interest on the part guarantee by the VA will be paid by the government for the first year.

Application for this benefit—open to veterans with at least 90 days active duty or with a service-connected disability—must be made within 2 years after discharge from the service or 2 years after the end of the war, whichever is later, but in no event more than 5 years after the end of the war.

Debts, Legal Matters

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act protects servicemen



with respect to lawsuits and contracts, foreclosures and repossession, seizure and family eviction. Mustered-out pay, death gratuities, or insurance payments cannot be claimed by creditors or attached by the court. Although most lawsuits against servicemen are postponed until 6 months after their discharge, if a judgment was rendered against a serviceman while he was in service, he can reopen the case anytime within 90 days after leaving the service, provided he can show that his absence hurt his case. Vets have 6 months in which to apply to the court to postpone payment of debts, and must show that their time in service has seriously interfered with their ability to pay.

Your Old Job

A vet who wants to plunge back into the old grind can have his pre-war job back, provided (1) he has an honorable discharge, (2) the job was not a temporary one, (3) he is still qualified for the job and is not now physically handicapped, and (4) the employer's situation has not changed to such a degree that it is "impossible or unreasonable" for him to rehire the veteran.

To get his former job back, a vet must apply for it within 90 days after discharge or release from hospitalization, if this falls within one year after discharge.

Finding a New Job

Representatives of the United States Employment Service are stationed at most Army and Navy Separation Centers, and at military hospitals. The USES, under the GI Bill of Rights, has the responsibility for counselling and placement of veterans, and in each of its 1500 offices has lists of available jobs in each locality. For disabled veterans, the USES analyzes jobs for specific physical requirements and working conditions.

Civil Service

"Points" will be important to a GI after he is discharged, too.

About Life in a Glen Plaid Suit

To be eligible for Civil Service, it is necessary to take and pass a Civil Service examination—and a veteran gets 5 extra points added to his grade, as bonus. Disabled vets receive 10 points.

Since Civil Service applicants are placed on a list from which they are hired in order of grade, the extra points mean that veterans go higher on the list. And when vets and non-vets receive the same score, the job goes to those who have been in the armed forces. In all Civil Service jobs, except scientific and professional jobs where the starting salary is over \$3000, disabled vets who pass the examination automatically find their names right at the top of the list.



Ex-servicemen who want to try out for the Civil Service can get the dope on exams at any first or second class post office in U. S. Civil Service Commission branch, and while there can get an application blank, Civil Service Preference Form 14.

Unemployment Insurance

If, in spite of everything, a veteran can't find a job, he is entitled to an unemployment allowance. This means that, if totally unemployed, he can draw \$20 a week. To draw the allowance, the vet must have been in the armed services 90 days or more, or have been discharged for a service-incurred disability. If he served for just the 90 day period, he can receive unemployment payments for a period up to 24 weeks. For each additional month of service, he can receive an additional 4 weeks of unemployment allowance, up to the maximum of 52 weeks. Proportionate amounts will be paid those persons who are "partially employed." "Partially employed," so far as the VA is concerned, means making less than \$23 a week, and the difference between what the vet earns and \$23 is the amount of the allowance which he will receive. Self-employed persons who net less than \$100 a month can also draw the difference in unemployment payments.

A few catches exist in the regulations. For instance, vets who are drawing a living allowance in connection with education or

vocational rehabilitation are ineligible. So are those persons who leave "suitable" work without good cause, or are fired because of misconduct. Vets who apply for the payments must be physically able to work, and payments may be discontinued if they don't accept a "suitable" job which has been offered them.

Application for this allowance usually can be made at the nearest United States Employment Service office, on VA Form No. 1389.

Vets may be eligible for state employment insurance, and in some cases may be able to draw this instead of the federal allowance. Local offices of the USES can supply information on this, too.

Medical and Hospital Care

Free hospitalization is available at a Veterans Hospital or medical center for any vet with a service-connected disability. In cases of emergency, he can get home



treatment, or if there is no VA hospital in his community, he can get treatment for a service-connected disability at a private hospital, upon application by telephone or telegraph to the nearest VA regional office.

All veterans, whether or not their injuries or ailments are service-connected, can get free hospitalization—if they can't afford to pay for it themselves, and if there is available hospital space.

Applications for medical, hospital, or home care should be made on VA Form P-10, and should be sent to the VA regional office or hospital. In addition to the general hospitals, the VA maintains medical and diagnostic centers, neuropsychiatric and tuberculosis hospitals, and 10 veterans' homes, where vets disabled by injury, old age, or illness may live.

Disability Pensions

The VA pays off on 2 types of disability pensions—the first for disabilities resulting from injuries or disease received while in service in line of duty, and the second for permanently and totally disabled vets whose injuries are not service-connected.

For the first type, payments range from \$11.50 a month for a 10% disability to \$115 for a 100% disability. More serious disabilities rate special pensions;

but the maximum is \$265, and is given for blindness with the loss of 2 limbs. According to Public Law 182, just passed, additional allowances up to \$35 above pension rates are available to take care of "in between cases"—men who should qualify for a larger pension than can be given under statutory provisions.

Vets who qualify for the second type of pension receive a straight \$50 a month, which is increased to \$60 after veterans have been on the rolls 10 consecutive years, or have reached the age of 65.

Death Benefits

If a soldier dies before discharge from the armed forces, his next of kin receives a cash payment from the government equal to 6 months of the soldier's pay. If the soldier held National Service Life Insurance, the beneficiary will, of course receive regular monthly payments, the amount depending upon the quantity of insurance and the age of the beneficiary.

A death pension, the most important death benefit, is paid to families of servicemen or vets who die from disease or injuries incurred in service in line of duty. A widow with no dependent children receives \$50 a month, with one dependent child \$65, and for each additional child \$13. If the mother is dead, a dependent child will receive \$25 monthly, and 2 dependent children \$38. Each additional child will receive \$10. A dependent mother or father is eligible to receive \$45, and when both are dependent the total is upped to \$50.

As far as burial arrangements are concerned a vet may be buried in one of the National Cemeteries or in a VA Cemetery, and so may certain family members. Also, veterans are eligible for up to \$100 burial expenses.

Where To Go for Help

Many agencies have set up bureaus to help returning servicemen. Most communities have a



veterans' information center of some kind. For info on educational, borrowing, or pension rights, vets can apply directly to the nearest branch of the VA. The Red Cross or one of the veterans' organizations can also file claims.

The Reemployment Committeeman at the vet's selective service board can help him return to his old job, and for new jobs he can apply to the United States Employment Service.

Help of various types can also be had from the Red Cross, the YMCA and YWCA, Travelers Aid, USO, Chamber of Commerce, businessmen's groups, various unions, and religious organizations.

What To Do?

Where you are going to find a job depends on many factors, among them being what you are trained to do, what industries offer the best prospects, and what areas have the brightest outlook.

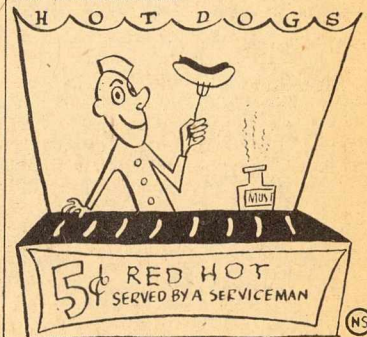
Soldiers would do well to list on a sheet of paper their education, pre-war experience, hobbies, skills acquired in the Army, USAFI courses, and any other pertinent information. This list might be presented to the I&E officer, an appropriate veteran's counselor, or any qualified officer or EM who conceivably might be of help. If a man would like to open a haberdashery, he would do well to visit several local ones, if any, and ask the proprietor his advice: how much experience is necessary; what hours he works; what capital is required; what income might be expected; and so on. A soldier overseas could—and should—write General Electric, for example, if he would like to become a dealer in electrical appliances, stating his qualifications and requesting information.

The important thing is for men to take steps NOW to find their niche, and not wait until they are discharged.

Lines which at present seem to offer better opportunities are the manufacturing, retail and wholesale distributive trades, insurance sales, building and construction. In some cases, job opportunities will have to wait for the completion of reconversion.

In general, sections of the country where the population is on the increase are most prosperous. Men who are free to move around should take advantage of this fact. The Missouri Valley, for example, should become such an area when the power-electrification-flood control projects there get going.

Soldiers with a hankering to buy their own farms or set up their own businesses, should proceed with caution. Right now, they're likely to have to pay a war-inflated price. Men should not go in for either project without considerable experience and study of local conditions affecting success. The Department of Agriculture, on the one hand, and the Smaller War Plants Corp. and Department of Commerce, on the other, can provide helpful information.



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EDITORIAL

VALUABLE

Discharge papers are of the utmost value to the veteran. The time and red tape required to replace them will give you gray hairs, so it is much better to have them recorded and duplicated as soon as you can after your discharge.

The first step should be the recording of your Discharge Certificate (or Certificate of Service if you are on inactive duty), in the official record books of the county in which you live. The county clerk, recorder, or other designated official or your local county court house will do this for you.

It is also a good idea to have a photostatic copy made of the original. This can be done by any photostat company. Be sure to have any photostatic copies notarized. The cost is nominal.

There are a lot of other papers and documents, military and otherwise, which should be kept together in a safe place where you can lay your hands on them easily and quickly. Whenever possible, duplicate copies or notations should be kept in a place equally as safe.

Oklahoma City (CNS)—A local bank was robbed of \$13,000 recently by a couple of guys who didn't know they were pulling a stickup. The pair, later nabbed by police, said they had been asked by a stranger to bring a note to the bank's cashier. The 2 men, who couldn't read, then obligingly presented this epistle to Cashier Betty Phillips: "Fill a box with big bills and give it to bearer. The bank is filled with thugs."



After a five-year army career, all of it at LGH, Capt. Mary Tyrrell was going through the last phases of discharge processing early this week and was making plans for her wedding, January 20, in San Jose.

There Ward A-1's former head nurse will marry Lt. Lewis Sharpe of the Coast Guard. She will remain in San Jose until her husband is discharged from service.

Another ANC representative on Monday's processing list was 1st Lt. Dulcie Chinn who came here last spring after about a year's duty in England.

Others who recently exchanged their Lt. title for Miss or Mrs. are 1st Lts. Betty E. Lewis, Mary Mayoras, Gertrude Van Senus, Helen M. Green and Helen Osborne and 2nd Lts. Elizabeth Finlay, Mabel LeFebvre, Rosa Meyer, Vera Thomson, Roberta I. Sloan and Mary Schragl.

Replacements for the ANC discharges and those eligible staff members who are beginning to pull out their suitcases for a quick preliminary check-up arrived en masse during the last week from DeWitt General Hospital.

They include 1st Lts. Evelyn L. Maguire, Doris E. Odell and 2nd Lts. Pauline M. Halter, Dorothy J. Kelly, Julia M. McCarthy, Mary J. C. Trefzger, Ann C. Cawley, Julia R. Bradley, Barbara R. Nickle, Ruth M. Retzer, Alouez A. Flynn, Joan L. Bungay, Minnie L. Foster and Ellen E. Aaron.

There were some changes made early this week in the little white-curtained nurses' office at the east end of the second floor, administration building, when Captain Alice Curto left to be in charge of nurses at Dante and, Captain Virginia Sanderson arrived as the newest addition to the office staff.

Captain Elizabeth Foster, head nurse on D-1, was assigned Monday in charge of nurses at Crissy annex.

On leave—sick, emergency and the regular recreation variety—are 1st Lts. Catherine G. Veitenheimer, Mollie L. Connelly and Adelaide Ramsey and 2nd Lts. Lois F. Gehhart, Dorothy K. Flannery and Dorothy J. Kelly.



Major Lemuel R. Williams moving to the Provost Marshal's Office and everyone welcoming the new "Sheriff"—truly the people's choice.

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Some of our real old timers passing out to civil life via the Separation point. Major Charles M. Taylor, Major Lloyd G. Welty, and Captain Charles E. Muhleman—all of whom have been here for ages and ages.

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New golden leaves on the shoulder loop of our favorite now Major Benjamin W. Lafene. Sincere congratulations on a well merited promotion too long deferred.

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Lieut. Rogers Cox now minus that new lip hedge he had started. Says he could not trim it evenly.

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Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. William L. Beswick making plans for their fourth wedding anniversary dinner party at the Presidio Officers' Club on Sunday evening.

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Major Mary Steppan dropping in the Sanctum to pay a PPC call before flying out to Manila, and Captain Genevieve McCartney making preparations to follow along the same route.

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The former Major Clinton V. Ervin, Jr., back from the war and to civilian life again. He and the family have gone back to ole Mississippi for the holidays.

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First Lieut. Frances Wagner paying calls on old friends hereabouts.

MORE ABOUT SEPARATION POINT

(Continued from Page 1)

interviews with approximately fifteen hundred applicants for discharge, including both the high-pointers that came through separation section and the physical-cause discharges.

As the separation point evaporates as a service at Letterman and separation goes back to its former methods, officers and enlisted persons will go either to Camp Beale for that popular black-marked scroll or to the separation point nearest their homes, Lt. Cox noted.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 16, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

USO Show

Comedy, music and acrobatics are in store for patients and duty personnel Monday and Tuesday when the latest USO-Camp Show production, Right About Rhythm, is presented here. The show will be given at 6:30 p. m. Monday at Crissy and at 7:15 p. m. Tuesday in the YMCA auditorium.

Among the performers are Beryl Williams, saxophonist and player of three clarinets, simultaneously; Margie, Lee and Bobby, acrobat team; blonde singing Betty Ann Simms; Taylor Trout and Mickie Trent, hoop-rolling comedienness; pianist Edward Freivogel; magic-makers Les Hunt and Juliet and the Six Sweethearts dancing ensemble.

What A Line!

It happened at one of the better known restaurants in San Francisco. It was the dinner hour and the food, the lights, and the music were all something out of this world. Came a lull in the conversation and a pensive look was evident in the big brown eyes of Lieut. Mary Holke. Her escort queried: "A penny for your thoughts?" The reply was prompt: "They're worth a million: I was thinking of you."

No date has been set for the wedding.

Oakland, Cal (CNS) — The plague of Oakland is a gang of teen-aged (or younger) boys who, within a fortnite, plinked out more than 200 of the city's street lights with sling-shots and air rifles.

Tulsa, Okla (CNS)—Harry Holmeel fell asleep in his sauerbrauten in an all night restaurant. When he awoke he found the waiter had rifled his pockets, removed \$1.75 as payment for his meal and took the residue—\$3.25—as a tip.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CORA EGGLESTON
Technician Fourth Grade

The usual procedure of having to sell hesitant parents on the merits of the army was reversed for T/4th Grade Cora B. Eggleston who first became interested in the Wac last winter when her mother enthusiastically suggested it.

"Cody," as she is known around the barracks, took to the suggestion at once, quit her clerical job in San Francisco and, within a week from the time she had first considered joining, had completed her enlistment.

At the time she joined the armed forces, early last January, Cody was working in the shipping department of Diamond Match Company; before she was transferred here, she was working for the company in her home town of Chico.

Before going into the match-shipping business Cody had clerked and prior to that had attended Chico State College for two years, majoring in elementary education. "But I couldn't see myself teaching school," the brown-haired Wac explained.

Interested in sports, she makes a point of seeing football and basketball games; she even used to play (basketball, not football) but finds the exercise too strenuous when combined with her daily work as dental assistant.

Cody admits that she found her present job, assisting with many a mouthful of tooth extractions, a little disturbing at first but, now that she is used to it, she doesn't mind it a bit—not half as much as the patients.

The LGH Wac, leaving Saturday for a furlough in Chico, plans to spend much of it duck-hunting. "We're taking along dogs to do most of the work," she quipped.

Cody's plans for next fall call for marriage to a Chico businessman; after that they'll settle down to living in Chico.

Big Food Firms Making Up Wartime Labor Shortages

By Camp Newspaper Service
One of a series on post-war jobs

People have to eat, which simply means that a large number of men and women will be employed in the food industry during the post-war period. How many depends on the degree of prosperity we enjoy. Food purchases closely follow the volume of national purchasing power.

The big food processors such as Hormel, Swift, General Foods, and especially General Mills expect high production levels for some time to come. President Harry A. Bullis of the last named company, in his annual report to stockholders, says flatly that "the outlook is bright."

Many of the big food companies were handicapped during the war by manpower shortages; these outfits are now making up these shortages, and some have hired veterans not formerly in their employ for the purpose.

Big Exports Loom

However, the food manufacturers and distributors have a great number of employees in the service, and, naturally, they believe their first obligation is to them.

The end of the war finds half the earth hungry and with its livestock and produce decimated. So, while Army and Navy orders have been cancelled, many of the big operators in the field may be producing for export, some through UNRRA, others independently.

Wages in the food line are nothing like the sky-high salaries war workers were supposed to have received while GIs were getting \$50 per (or a little more). As vets are beginning to find out, those stories were mostly exaggeration.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, average weekly earnings in the meat-packing industry for a 46.5-hour week were \$43.43 in 1943. The average salary for meat cutters in retail stores ran from \$25 to \$35, although there are a few cases of \$75 men.

From Foods to Boom

One new development in food

which may affect the industry is the sale of quick-frozen foods. The prediction is that the sale of such products after the war will increase greatly. That means a change in the operations of the major food houses; it may also make the butcher in the neighborhood market primarily a dealer in packaged, pre-cut meats.

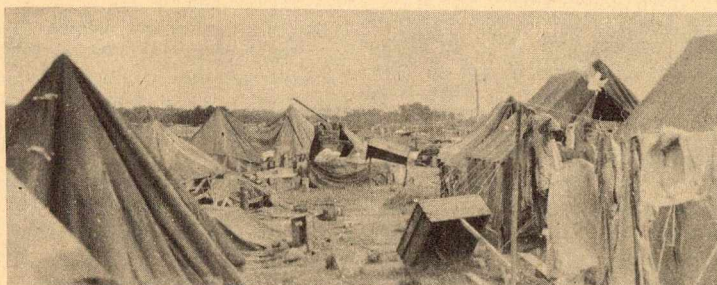
On the other hand, there are those in the trade who insist that there will still be plenty of customers who want their meat cut before their eyes, and that a frozen food locker on every other corner won't mean a thing.

As for candy making, a most important ingredient, sugar, is still tightly rationed, which means any anticipated expansion won't come until the supply of cane is plentiful. The William Wrigley Jr Co, of Chicago, for example, told CNS that it doesn't know when rationing will end and is making no plans until it is sure of necessary ingredients for chewing gum.

Restaurant Outlook

Ex-servicemen who have the experience, training, and ability have a good chance in the restaurant business, although the chances for failure through inexperience are greater than in other lines, says Samuel R. Sperans, president of Nathan Straus-Duparquet, Inc. one of the world's largest suppliers of hotel and restaurant equipment.

According to Sperans, many people got the restaurant habit during the war, because of food or ration point shortages, and some of these will continue to eat in restaurants now that the shooting is over. Restaurant operation is a science nowadays, he continued, and a man must know menu planning, food service, mass feeding, sanitation, area layout and operation, and related subjects. If you don't think your experience at KP qualifies you to run a Main St hash-house, better get a job in one before investing your savings.



The Big Storm at Okinawa

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



FRANCES CLARK

The last time the young lady pictured above appeared in these pages she was listed as Frances Hughes but a few short weeks ago she changed that name to Mrs. David Clark and continued on her quiet way.

Frances is with the pay roll section of the enlisted duty personnel and she takes a special pride in seeing that her records are in order for each man to be paid promptly each month. If there are any red lines drawn through some of the names the fault is not chargeable to Frances.

We asked some one how long she had been with Letterman and the reply was: "Gosh, I really don't know—she was here before I came." And then we asked a second person only to receive the same answer. The consensus of opinion seems to be that Frances has been with us at Letterman a long, long time.

If you do not happen to know her one way to recognize her immediately is wait at the foot of the stairs in the Administration when the quitting whistle sounds. In the resulting rush for the front door there is a veritable babble of voices and laughter. The girl who confines her enthusiasm over getting out to a mere smile is Frances. We could mention her red hair as an additional means of identification.

Frances gives the impression of taking her marital state in stride and her general demeanor is the same as when she answered to "Miss Hughes." She still gives the same careful attention to her duties and up to now has had no reason to be excused for failure due to her recent relinquishment of single bliss. Though she believes there is no such thing as single bliss; that is merely a term of consolation for those still unmarried.

Real bliss means being married—and we all wish her many years of that kind of bliss.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

While the brand - new speaker system sent spasmodic choruses of Christmas music, punctuated with telephone announcements, through the barracks this week, Wacs sat on gift-littered bunks piling bright packages into huge corrugated PX provided boxes.

Gifts ranged from such souvenirs as Pacific shell ash trays and Chinatown silk handkerchiefs to PX clothes and jewelry, and yarn dogs that several girls purchased from two patients in Ward E-1 who make them for recreation. Pictures, always popular, came high on the Xmas gift list again this year.

A number of the girls escaped the elbow-pushing routine of PX and thronging downtown stores by making their own gifts. Caroline James knit a small dress and sweater for child relatives: Lillian Houk finished one sweater and was working on another: Mabel Price made her boy friend, still in service, a green sweater for civilian days.

Malta Benge was busily crocheting a buffet set but was thinking more of finishing it next Xmas than this.

Asked if Xmas shopping this year brought as much thrill as usual, the universal answer was an emphatic no backed up with the usual answers: "You can't find things and when you can, you can't afford them." One package-wrapper wailed, "I have fifty cents left."

"And there's a different feeling," another added. "I don't know just what it is."

"I know," a third clinched the subject. "It's a sad feeling."

Pre-holiday weddings were flourishing this week and last. Harriet Burglund was married Tuesday night in the Presidio chapel to Elmer Lewis, formerly stationed here with the MP's. Elaine Alpaugh married a navy man, Temple Barron, last Friday night and, earlier in the month, Gladys Larsen married a discharged infantryman. Last Saturday Jimmie Cooper was married to Sgt. Teddy Otterstetter of LGH.

Sports climbed back into the spotlight this week as basketball players rallied together to form a team that will play nine games during the Dec. 14-Feb. 8 season; first game scheduled was LGH vs. Dibble.

MEET THE LOVELY LADY FROM THE LETTERMAN LIBRARY—AND LEARN



Mrs. LEAH FRISBY
Head Librarian at Letterman

There's an unsolved mystery in the life of Mrs. Leah Frisby, Letterman's chief librarian, and she'd be grateful to anyone who can help her solve it!

A few months ago, one of the patients came in to ask for a copy of a poem that began, "Out where the west begins . . ." explaining that his grandmother had died while he was overseas, leaving only this bit of verse as a clue to her estate. Mrs. Frisby hunted up the reference in two minutes flat, and the two of them went through the poem looking for hidden meanings that might apply to the missing treasure. They couldn't find a thing, so he copied the poem to take home to his parents. Mrs. Frisby has been consumed with curiosity ever since, so if any one knows whether or not the man was successful, will he please let her know?

Mrs. Frisby has been with us since September, coming to the main Letterman library from the Ninth Service Command Depot at Crissy Field. Before that, she was reference librarian at the University of Utah in her home town, Salt Lake City, for

15 years. You can find her most of the time in her central corridor sanctuary, her trim, suited figure darting in and out of the files and stacks of books in search of requested material. While the men were overseas, she says, they asked for Western stories, then mystery yarns. They shunned war stories completely unless they were about their own outfit. Now that they're back, they ask for books on occupations and trades. The most popular feature, though, is the home town newspaper section—more than 85 newspapers all over the country send Letterman complimentary copies.

In what little spare time she has, Mrs. Frisby indulges her great love of music by collecting records. Her son, Ray, who works in Motor Pool, has inherited the same interest and will pursue it further when he heads for San Francisco State College next semester.

Her main interest, though, is the library—and her very efficient staff is determined to help her make it the best hospital library in the country!

—Kay Hardy

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has ended.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the Separation center during the past week: T/Sgt. Kenneth E. Gielselman; S/Sgts. Dan Sackashand, John A. Rayburn; Sgts. Francis E. Hanlon, Thomas F. Howell, Charles E. Corriea, John W. Kozak, Lou D. Slott, Russell V. Woods and Robert P. O'Neil; T/4th Gr. Joseph Willer, Claude W. Lawrence, Charles K. Anthony and Carl L. Meyers; Cpl. Henry Lynn; T/5th Gr. Adam J. Shaw and Charles E. Puzack; Pvts. William K. Dovers, Alba E. Hill, Stanley J. Couch, Lannie E. Emerson, LeRoy B. Jillard, Henry G. Cragg, Bud H. Foster, Wallace W. Orr, Clifford O. Ritch, Karl B. Sanders, Elzie L. Adkins, Homer Wages, Robert E. Kremp, Roy E. Thomas, Stanley E. Carroll, Arthur A. Neuenkirchen, Philip J. Voreedy, Truman W. Mulkey, Lee Buchanan, James A. Caldwell and Hughie D. Carmical.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgt. George W. Ditteras; Sgts. Leonard R. Moore and Richard Nielson; T/4th Gr. Glenn M. Wade; Cpl. Armand L. Roy; T/5th Gr. Donald L. Vaughn; Pvts. Charles E. Grady, Anthony J. King, John L. Leonard, Clifton W. Upchurch, Edsel Lewis, James F. Lewis, Wagner Pederson, Harold Coulter and Define Gonzales.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Stewart G. Patience now the man behind the desk in the hospital Charge of Quarters and already learning how to keep the ward men happy.

T/Sgt. Lewin S. Villa once again trying his skill in billiards after a month lay-off, but so far he still looks like a beginner.

Pvt. Joseph D. Berger not only has women chasing him, but also has a horse with the same name that even won a race at Bay Meadows last week.

T/4th Gr. Albert V. Glenn back on duty after a furlough in the bay area.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

Kay Arnold of the main library at LGH was married this past week to Lt. George Wilde of 1960 SCU. The ceremony was held in the Presidio Post Chapel with all the pomp and splendor of a pre-war wedding. The lovely bride was traditionally gowned in white satin with a misty white veil. Her bridesmaid wore rose. Afterwards, a reception was held at Kay's residence with much champagne and luscious goodies. The girls in the library are still talking about it and they all agree that Kay was the most beautiful bride they had ever seen. Everyone carried home samples of the wedding cake to put under their pillows and dream upon, a truly wonderful custom. The young couple have planned a honeymoon trip. The destination is unknown. They'll return just in time for Christmas and will be at home in San Francisco.

Irene Wallace from the PRO is on a two-week leave with her newly discharged Seabee husband. They're on a tour in the Santa Rosa vicinity. Irene has been on the verge of nervous prostration and we're all happy that the great day has finally arrived.

Our condolences and best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Louise Smith of the Mil Pers Br. May you be back with us soon, Louise.

Catherine Ryan in the Nurse's Branch has a very sweet little girl who is five years old, going on six. Due to circumstances entirely beyond her control, Catherine must find some place to leave her daughter during the day while she does her bit at LGH. They live over in Mill Valley, so if you can think of any way to help them out of their dilemma, you can reach her at 2761.

Scene in the PX: Getting within close enough range to make a purchase at the jewelry counter calls for a tremendous amount of strategy these days. Jinny Smith had planned her attack well in advance and the campaign ended victoriously. Marion Amberg was discovered stocking up on Varga girl calendars. And so it goes.

St Nazianz, Wis (CNS)—A 23-year blackout has ended in St Nazianz. A storm in 1922 disrupted the town's lighting system and it wasn't repaired until last week. "No one got around to it," the mayor explained.

NEW DIRECTOR OF RECONDITIONING DIVISION MAPS OUT FULL PROGRAM



Major JAMES H. LANG, CA
New Director of Reconditioning Division

If we could find some way to bottle and sell the enthusiasm being generated around the hospital by the new reconditioning chief, we could push vitamin pills right off the market!

Since he arrived a few weeks ago from Baxter General Hospital, Major James T. Lang has addressed every organized group at Letterman and a couple of dozen outside, on his future plans. The Reconditioning Program is Topic A in his life, and after hearing his views and ideas, we envy Letterman patients for the interesting, constructive convalescence they're going to have.

For our interview on the Major himself, we had to go to other sources—he's not so talkative when it comes to personal data. We discovered that he played a sharp game of football for four years at the University of California, and managed to absorb enough knowledge in the classrooms between games to earn his B. S. degree. In his spare time, he earned his way through school selling Packards and being campus representative of an exclusive tail-

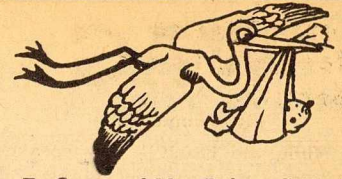
or's shop, the latter deal having no small bit to do with his being chosen one of the four best dressed men on campus!

Lang has had a total of 12 years military training. He was an administrative officer in the Air Corps in 1940, transferring to Anti-Aircraft in 1942. When AA deactivated most of the units in 1944, he attended the Surgeon General's Physical Reconditioning School and was assigned from there to Baxter, where he was Director of the Reconditioning Division for the past year.

Now he's most interested in seeing that the reconditioning program at Letterman works on a practical basis. He's doing some long range planning, but isn't losing sight of the most important fact—says Major Lang, "The program is only as good as it is from day to day . . . it has to be both practical and workable or it doesn't fit the doctor's or the patient's needs."

His main ambition is to provide an opportunity for a job for every patient before he's released from the hospital!

—Kay Hardy



To Capt. and Mrs. Robert C. Bechtol, a son, **Robert Miles**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 3 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Neil M. Clark, a son, **Neil Millard**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 4 December.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Edward A. Clark, a son, **Steven Edward**, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces, born 5 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Sam Mauck, a son, **Kenneth Leon**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 5 December.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Harold C. Windom, a daughter, **Sharon Rae**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 5 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Norman M. Torrence, a daughter, **Jeanne Elizabeth**, weight 9 pounds and 4 ounces, born 6 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Fred W. Babbel, a daughter, **Bonnie June**, weight 6 pounds and 9 ounces, born 7 December.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Folkerts, a daughter, **Suzanne Patricia**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 7 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Leslie Heitel, a son, **Leslie Clark**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 7 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Dalton Poff, a daughter, **Julienne Ruth**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 7 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William A. Busch, a daughter, **Donna Lee**, weight 9 pounds, born 8 December.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Charles Woodward, a daughter, **Sherry Lynn**, weight 6 pounds 11 ounces, born 8 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Kirschner, a son, **Robert (NMI)**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 9 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Eugene C. Gray, a son, **James Paul**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 2 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. George R. Reiter, a daughter, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 2 December.

Darlington, S. C. (CNS)—State Circuit Judge Woodrow Lewis was towed out of his own court recently when a visiting circuit judge, presiding at a murder trial, ordered the courtroom cleared of spectators. Judge Lewis was one of them.

Civil Service Benefits Have a Genuine Value

Some of the Civil Service employees have misunderstood the facts concerning the retirement plan, so Mr. Ray Shine, Civilian Personnel Director, has made the following information available, for clarification of the issue.

It is distinctly to the advantage of the employee to keep on working for the Federal government until he has completed more than five years of service. Under the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act, he becomes entitled to certain valuable annuity rights.

If he has worked more than five years, he is entitled to a lifetime annuity beginning at the age of 62. The retirement contributions are deposited in the retirement fund and draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent compounded annually while he remains in service, and at the rate of 3 per cent compounded annually from the date of separation to the date when the benefits become payable. These retirement contributions, plus accrued interest, are never lost. They are paid back to the separated employee either as an annuity, increased by a large Government contribution, or as a refund of any amount remaining to his credit to his beneficiary or estate in case he should die before reaching retirement age or before living out his life expectancy after retirement.

Compared with the amounts contributed by the employee, the amounts of annuity benefits are liberal. A separated employee with more than five years of service may receive a refund of his retirement deductions, plus interest, but it is to his advantage to permit all of his contributions to remain in the retirement fund to accrue interest, as it will result in a savings fund payable in case of death, or a lifetime annuity payable at an age when earning capacity generally tends to diminish.

Ft Atkinson, Wis (CNS)—The secret of longevity has been revealed by Grandma Adelaine Hill, just turned 107. "I wear 2 petticoats," says she.

Indianapolis (CNS)—Leo Mundy, a local tavern keeper, knows how to stop a fight in his pub. Whenever one starts, he merely opens a tear gas jet behind the bar.

Army Has Discharged 3 Million Since VE-Day

Washington (CNS)—Declaring that the rate of demobilization was twice the peak reached after World War I, the War Department announced that 3,114,000 of the 8,300,000 men in the Army on VE-Day had been discharged through Nov 16.

Discharges from the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines brought the total of men released from the armed forces to 3,950,000.

Since VE-Day more soldiers have been discharged than were in the AEF, the WD said, recalling that on Nov 11, 1918 the Army had 1,929,760 men overseas out of a total strength of 3,673,888.

The demobilization peak after the first World War was in December 1918 when 621,203 veterans were released.

The WD said that discharges were now running "far ahead of the rate planned" and declared that 1,270,000 soldiers became civilians in October, with discharge figures contemplated at 1,200,000 in November and more than a million in December.

Eddington, Me (CNS)—While her son and grandson were out fruitlessly hunting North Woods game, Grandma Martin Hillier, 70, pulled a rusty shotgun from the wall, took a bead on a bear in her back yard, and bagged the shaggy fellow—first shot.



Q. I need a new heater and some furniture for my house. May I borrow under the GI Bill of Rights in order to buy them?

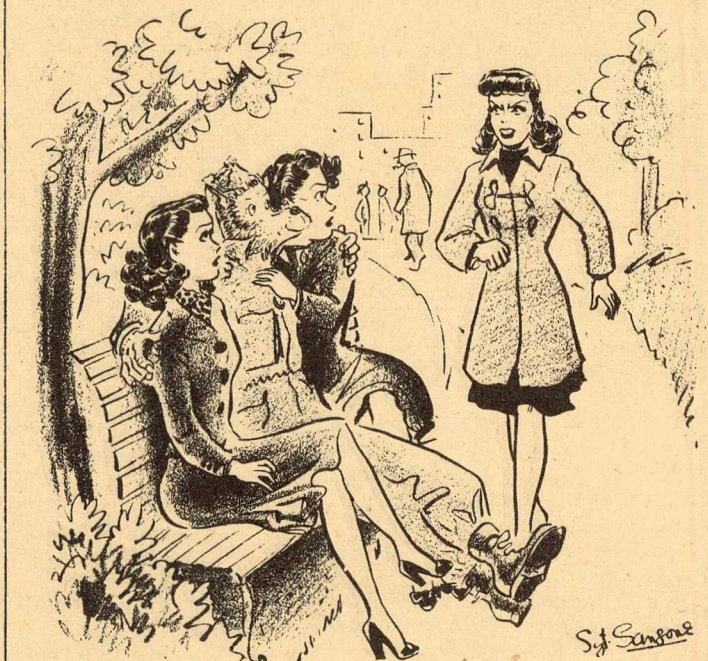
A. The government insures 50% of a loan up to \$4000 for the purpose of making necessary improvements and alterations in a house owned by a veteran. The Veterans Administration considers an oil heater such an improvement, but not furniture.

Q. I have always wanted to be a lumberjack. What's the outlook?

A. The lumber industry was called upon during the war for maximum production, and it is unlikely that this output, and the employment it entailed, will now be increased. Moreover, the Far West, where much lumbering takes place, has experienced a population increase, providing a labor surplus. The Weyerhaeuser Timber Co, one of the biggest, will soon build a large capacity mill, an extension to one of its pulp plants, and a new plywood mill, but informed Camp Newspaper Service that its labor requirements are taken care of. This is generally the case.

The Wolf

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SHELLS

Shells . . . pastel, glossy, complete with "tiger teeth" and pale inward spirals . . . are what PFC James I. Brasher brought back with him when he returned to Letterman this week after two years in the Pacific.

The Tennessee soldier, who gathered the shells from six island groups in the Pacific, considers his two cigar boxes of rare and representative shells a fair start towards a hobby-sized collection. He is planning to add to that assortment but intends to limit his collection to the shells he dives for himself or finds upon ocean shores; he wants no purchased, purely commercial pieces.

PFC Brasher's collecting activities began in the Philippines where he became fascinated with the shell-borders that customarily surround native homes.

He also got into the habit of going out with Filipino fishermen, learned to spear the quick-darting fish with a bamboo-steel combination lance. While fishing, he became interested in learning to dive for the gleaming shells that lay under and about coral reefs in the tropical waters.

From the Philippines and from Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, Ulithi and the Hawaiian Islands, PFC Brasher came away with shells. There are shining, smooth, bon-bon shaped shells with the "tiger teeth" markings inside, considered by one Ulithian native chief as very rare. There are "cat eyes," small, button-shaped shells that close the openings of the larger shells and, when severed, make unique ring and pin stones.

There is one "temple" shell from Ulithi, a gray rough shell with the shape of an inverted cone. It is about two inches in diameter but the species grows to about a foot across the base.

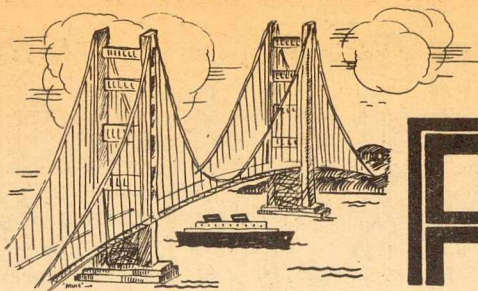
The Tennessean, who left Letterman late in the week for Kennedy hospital, was driver in a combat car company attached to the 10th army while overseas. His home is Memphis.

"By the way," Jack Carson asked Diana Barrymore on CBS' "Jack Carson Show," "what are you doing tonight?"

"Oh, not much of anything," Diana told him.

"Swell," boomed Jack. "Then how about going out with me?"

"That's still not much of anything," Diana quipped icily.



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Christmas Offers A Crowded Calendar For Letterman

There may be no reindeer or sleigh bells or even a white Christmas here, but the patients at Letterman are to have a holiday season that will lack nothing to maintain the traditional standard. A program has been arranged that will offer entertainment all through the week.

This afternoon in the Recreation Center there will be a party for the children of the command. A committee of the ladies of the post, headed by Mrs. C. C. Hillman, has arranged with Santa to be present in person to lead a full program of fun. The time is 2:30. This evening there will be a dance at the Officers' Club for members and their guests.

On Sunday there will be the usual religious services in both Catholic and Protestant chapels and on the wards there will be choristers singing the favorite Christmas carols. In the evening there will be a bus ride for the patients to see the tree lightings in the residential section of the city.

A feature of Christmas morning will be the distribution of the gifts for the wounded presented through the interest of the Hearst newspapers in the Bay Area. This has been an annual activity of Hearst staff and one that is truly popular.

The well known Army Christmas dinner will be served in the mess at noon and Major Clayton has scoured the highways and byways to have everything on the menu demanded by tradition.

The religious observance of the day will begin with a Solemn Mass at midnight of Monday at the Post Theatre on the Presidio reservation. There will be Masses in the Letterman Chapel at 0600 and 0800 on Christmas morning and there will be a General Christmas Service in our chapel at 1000.



Brig. Gen. C. C. HILLMAN, US Army
Commanding General

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This Christmas season finds us experiencing the joys of peace after long years of war.

The clash of arms is heard no longer but the men who fought the good fight and were wounded in action are still with us. The war is over for the world but vivid memories of the conflict remain with those under our care. It has been a privilege to serve all through the war and it remains our privilege to care for the sick and wounded until all are well again.

I am happy this Christmastide to express to our patients our gratitude for their devotion to our country. I am proud to be the commanding general of officers and men of the Letterman staff who have lived up to the best traditions of the Medical Department.

For you all—may this be the happiest Christmas ever.

C. C. HILLMAN
Brigadier General US Army
Commanding

Hope And Troupe Deluge 'Y' And Wards With Entertainment

Bob Hope and his troupe, who flew here on special priority No. 26W (that's just after "spies") came to Letterman Monday to spend a couple of hours putting on a show and touring the wards.

Robert and Jerry Colonna spearheaded the fun attack and brought up Frances Langford, Skinnay Ennis, Tony Romano and guest star Wayne Morris as reinforcements. Bob and Jerry did their entire set of impressions except one—two Air Force Captains meeting, which involves the two marching stiffly toward each other, then ducking down as though under a low ceiling as they pass, barking "Roger!" at each other!

After the show in the "Y," the troupe, augmented by Mrs. Skinnay Ennis and Jon Hall, Frances' husband, started through the wards to continue the entertainment on a more personal basis. Beginning with B-1, they chatted and sang their way through C-1, D-1, E-1, F-1, H and O-1.

Bob said later how grateful he was for the chance to talk to our men. Many of the patients had seen him perform in the European or the Pacific Theaters so it was more like a reunion for a lot of them.

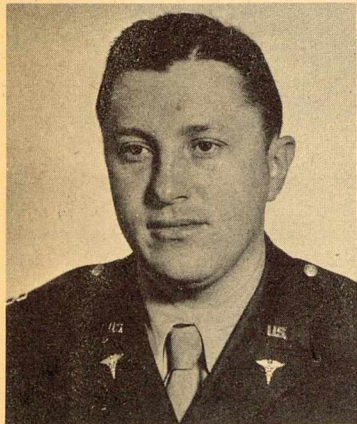
After his broadcast Tuesday, part of which he previewed here, he and his gang headed home. "It wasn't easy to get transportation, you know," pseudo-complained Hope, "but I didn't realize just how crowded the trains are until I got my ticket—it read Car No. 154, Upper Berth 6, Layer 3!"

Bob has just finished a picture for Paramount, "Monsieur Beaucaire," and will take time out for a few weeks to rest before beginning the round of military camp and hospital visits once again.

Patients on Ward C-1 Come from Everywhere - - Almost

Writing the story of an entire ward seemed to be a difficult assignment at first. Then as I began to visit them more often, I realized that each ward has a personality of its own, conditioned by the type of patients it cares for, and paced by the personalities of the assigned hospital personnel, and the patients themselves.

Ward C-1 was first on my list. A



**Capt. JOHN C. BURKE, MC
Ward Officer**

general surgery ward, it has 32 beds, and four rooms, and is presided over by Ward Officer Captain John C. Burke. Captain Burke comes from Troy, New York, and has been at Letterman since October, 1944. Before he entered the Army in January of that year, he was a resident surgeon at Bellevue for 2½ years. He calls it a 'clean surgery ward, specializing in appendix and hernia operations, and all tumor cases not infected.'

Schedules of the Ward Officer must necessarily be flexible, but the usual routine followed by Captain Burke includes making the rounds at 0800 and 1300. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, he works in the operating room. Other duties include taking care of post operative cases, making up diagnoses, doing the involved, routine paper work. Right now he has a lot of definitive treatment cases—internal injuries involving the spleen and pancreas. "Many of them are awfully sick," Captain Burke told me, "but they never complain or give me any trouble at all."

These patient patients are cared for by nurses under the supervision of Chief Nurse Lt. Erma Gagnon, who has been here just a short while. To help her she has Lieutenants Stark, Stacy, Pennington,

Wada, Ritchie and Lockard. The Ward Master is Sergeant Charles Esqueda, who has been assigned to C-1 about two months.

The Ward Master is the man who sees to it that the work of cleaning the ward is done properly. Among his duties, he takes care of the patients' passes, sees that they have the proper clothing when they leave, makes out reports of supplies, arranges the schedules for the Wacs who work there. He also, to quote him, "sees that the nurses are happy." He has high praise for the patients, who "are always willing to cooperate" and says he gets a big thrill out of seeing them recover.



**1st Lt. ERMA GAGNON
Charge Nurse**

Chuck is about to become a patient himself—his wife is expecting a baby, but he's the one who is having that tired, sick feeling most of the time! He says a deep bow of recognition should go to Miss Peggy Carr, secretary of the ward, who keeps the charts and reports in perfect order.

Probably the best known patient in the ward, until a few weeks ago when he was transferred to F-2—has been Carmen Ungaro, who had a priority on the first bed in room 3, on the left as you enter the door. Carman has been at LGH since July, and was being taken into surgery so often for skin grafts to cover his phosphorous-burned body, he almost lost track of the number of times he went through those swinging doors. Now he comes back to visit his buddy-buddies in C-1 every day on his way to the PX.

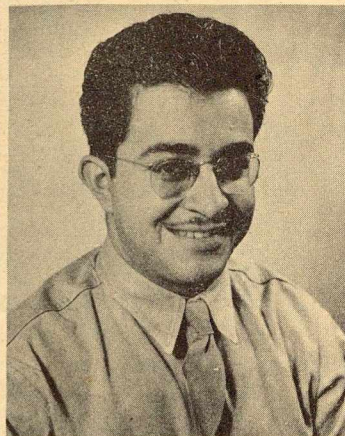
Pfc. Maurice Melvin is another LGH old-timer, having been here since May 16. He's traveled around the wards quite a bit, and landed in

C-1 as Carmen's room partner the 1st of November. Maurice is from Bellefourche, South Dakota, and was overseas 22 months. Before he came here, he put in time at the 133rd General Hospital on Leyte and 29th Evacuation Hospital on Luzon.

Not all the men were in, the two days we spent interviewing—so we wandered around and gathered information from the patients who were playing cards, reading, and writing letters home. In the first bed on the right is Cpl. Booker Campbell, of Denver, Colorado, who came here from Camp Beale a week ago, and will be ready for that lucky discharge paper when he leaves.

In Bed No. 11, is Leonard Kaurinas, of Peoria, Illinois, who has a pretty wife named Phyllis, and drives the nurses slightly mad because he loves to read and always has four more pages to finish at 11:30.

Bed No. 30 is the roosting place for shy, blonde Pvt. Harold Jones, who prefers to be called Doug, his



**Sgt. CHARLES ESQUEDA
Wardmaster**

middle name. When he's in the best of health, he is stationed right here at Letterman, working for Sgt. Smith in the C.Q. office.

Another famous patient is Cpl. Joe Mello, who took off over Christmas to go home to Orland, California. He thinks all the men in C-1 are fine fellows, who make acquaintances quickly, but he misses his old pals, most of whom have just been discharged from the hospital. Joe was one of our very sick boys, and Esqueda was thinking of him, among others, when he mentioned how satisfying it was to see the men recover enough to go home on furlough.

S/Sgt. Chester Lawrence of Berkeley, California, was assigned to Bed No. 12, and came into C-1 the end of November from Dante. He was with the 93rd Bomb Group and travelled all over Europe, last station being an air field at Hardwick, England. See him for details on the Ploesti raids.

In Bed No. 13, and completely unsuperstitious about it, is Sgt. Robert Keyes, who had the same bed number at Birmingham before coming here about a week and a half ago. He's from Montebello, California, and likes to bowl, fish and go to motor-cycle races.

Bed. No. 15 is occupied by Anist Jewel Melton, of the 1051st Engineers. Melton served in Sicily, Naples, France and Germany with his outfit, rebuilding and repairing docks and buildings and piling up a record for other engineering outfits to envy. Anist Jewel, incidentally, is named for his family postman, and the postman's girl-friend, respectively!

Between Melton and Keyes bunks S/Sgt. Richie Alonzo Beckwith, who has been in C-1 for four months. Richie is from Philadelphia, Pa., is an alumnus of a Cooks' and Bakers' outfit, and just loves to sing!

In Bed No. 22 is S/Sgt. James R. Brown of Oakland, a RAMP who was surrendered at Bataan and spent a year and five days of his imprisonment in a Japanese camp at Hanawa. When he gets out, he's going to relax by going to the fights and all the baseball games!

Pvt. Hershel Lee Shingleton Sr.'s proudest bed-side possessions are his pictures of his family, Jr. Shingleton, age 5 years, and Sherri Louise, his year-old daughter named after his wife. His family is right here in San Francisco and they come to see him often. As soon as he leaves Letterman, he's going to re-enlist in the regular Air Corps.

Across the ward, in Bed No. 21 is Pvt. George Parsons, of Tulare, California. He's been in C-1 about three weeks, and is planning in his spare time the crops he'll raise on his farm when he gets out. He's decided upon grain, cotton and alfalfa.

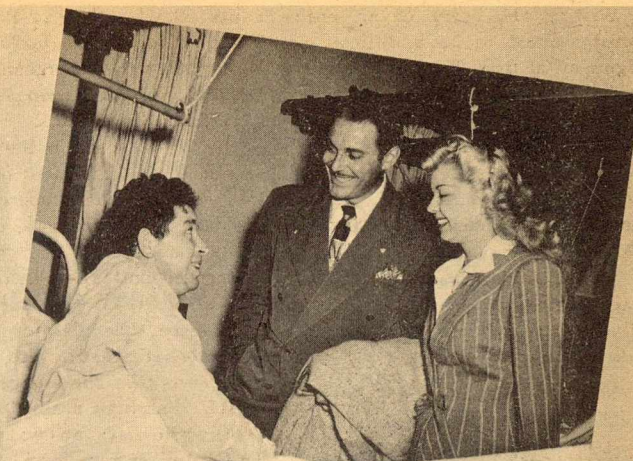
The guitar player of the ward is Pvt. Johnnie Baldwin, who gives out with request tunes any time he's asked. He's from Ceres, California, but was working in potash mines in

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Bob Hope And His Real Troupers Entertain Here During Week



BOB HOPE TRADES QUIPS
With Sgt. Albert B. Nicholson on Ward E-1 while the chaplain listens and learns.

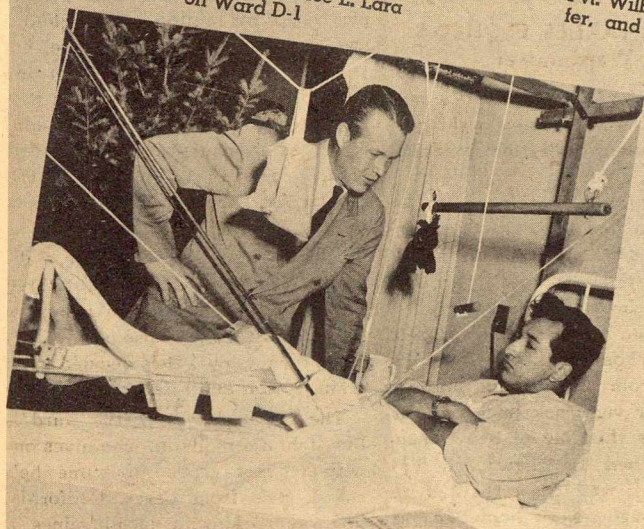


FRANCES LANGFORD
And her hubby Jon Hall give their attention to the tall tale told by Pfc. Clide Dawson on Ward F-1.



AT THE END OF THE TRAIL
Bob turns patient and receives the sympathy of T-5 Roy Blackburn, Pvt. Wilbur Nass, Pfc. Jacob Confer, and Pvt. Arthur Gilman on Ward F-1.

WAYNE MORRIS
Puts a poser to Pfc. Arvica L. Lara on Ward D-1



A FAMOUS FOURSOME
Call on T-4 John Draths on Ward O-1 across the pic are Bob Hope, Frances Langford, Jerry Colonna, and Tony Romano.



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EDITORIAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is with real joy that we can exchange that ancient greeting this year. "Merry Christmas" may once again be shouted to all and sundry—and the world has some reason to be merry. Not long ago the worst war in world history came to an end; an end that brought victory to us and our allies.

At this season our thoughts have turned from war to peace; that peace of which the herald angels sang on that first Christmas morning. A peace that is desired of all men. Peace among men will require some degree of the sacrifices demanded by war. It is not fraught with the dangers of war but is hampered by selfishness and greed. In the interest of peace some may have to be more unselfish than others; some may have more to give than others.

Peace among nations is a consequence of peace among individuals. People whose thoughts turn to peace will have peace. May this first post-war Christmas be to all men of good will a truly 'Merry Christmas.'

New York (CNS)—Two carriers, the Wasp and the Monterey, with tiers of bunks replacing Hellcats, Helldivers, and Avengers on the hangar deck, left for Naples to bring back troops. Ships' complements were cut almost in half to make room for returnees. The Wasp will carry 6450 homecoming officers and EM. Capacity of the other vessel was not announced.



By Jeanne Riha

LGH nurses were putting their be-capped heads together this week and planning how they could convert their customary annual Christmas party into a holiday dance this year in observance of the first non-war Christmas season in five years.

Instead of the all-nurse party originally scheduled for Friday night, the staff is planning a dance the following Friday in their rec hall; if plans go through, music will be from 8 p.m. to midnight.

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First Lt. Letha McHale was spending the first few days of her leave, early this week, making plans for her wedding Thursday, in the hospital chapel, to Major Randolph Albrecht, whom she knew when they were both prisoners of the Japanese in the Philippines. The dark, petite ANC lieutenant, originally from Massachusetts, came to Letterman last July from the redistribution station at Santa Barbara. She holds the Bronze Star and a presidential citation with two oak leaf clusters. The couple have not yet selected the place for their future home.

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Transferred to Letterman just in time for the holiday activities were Captain Donald L. Ingram from Camp Beale and Captain Blanche A. Hawkins from Barnes Hospital; 1st Lts. Ruth E. Olson, Kathleen McMurrich and Margaret M. Fenley from Camp Beale; and 1st Lts. Okie E. Pennington, Martha J. Seidel and Edna D. Sexton from Hoff General Hospital.

The LGH separation point, performing a last-minute service for ANC and other officers before closing last week, discharge 1st Lts. Esther M. Weniger, Lorraine V. Matzke, Jean E. Aumend, Kathryn Brandenburg and Kathryn Monson. First Lt. Helen K. Feldhausen went to the Camp Beale center to be separated.

Christmas leaves, which still hold priority in numbers and popularity among leaves the year round, are being enjoyed by Capt. Jessie A. Whytoshek; 1st Lts. Nina P. Brandt, Jane A. Bethurem, Edna E. Barnes, Alverna I. Marrs and Myrtle E. Bigelow and 2nd Lt. Eleanor Singer.



Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General of the Army, back from his eight week inspection tour of the Far East, and with him Brig. Gen. William C. Menninger and Dr. Eli Ginsburg.

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Home again from Arkansas, our own commanding general and some possible tales of the duck hunting season down there.

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Capt. Sidney H. Green getting ready to shuffle off his olive drab uniform after five years as a member of our staff.

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T/Sgt. Buford E. Folsom home from the ETO and decorated with the insignia of the ruptured duck taking to see some of his old friends here.

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Mr. Robert J. Bement—or Bob—learning a lot of janitors and their ways.

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Miss Elizabeth Stetson, of the Red Cross staff, handling all the requests for dinner dates for Christmas. She could use a head set for that phone.

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Christmas cards rolling in from everywhere and it is nice to be so well remembered at this season.

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Everyone wishing for a white Christmas but we will have to take it wet—we fear.

Stowaway Wives A Problem to Army

New York (CNS)—The former German liner Europa docked here with a mystery when ship's officers denied the presence of a British girl stowaway but 6000 troops aboard insisted that the fiancée of a GI had hidden in a duffle bag and been carried onto the boat in a loading net.

The official "no comment" attitude was explained by one officer who confided, "We don't want to encourage foreign GI wives or sweethearts to take a similar chance."

Loveline girls, however, aren't letting red tape stand in their way. The British wife of an American soldier and her 8 months old son arrived in Boston as stowaways on the transport New Zealand Victory. And a report from London said a smuggling ring was sneaking GI brides on American-bound ships for \$1000.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, December 23, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

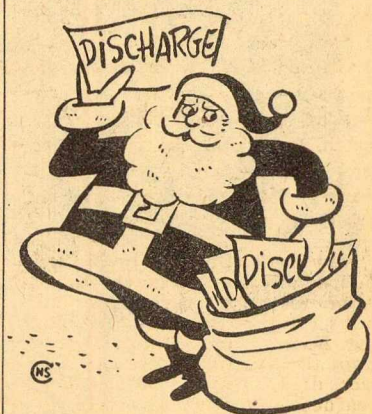
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

You Are Invited

An attractive musical performance which will awaken the Yuletide spirit in all in view of celebrating Christmas Day is scheduled for Sunday, December 23, in the Civic Auditorium. This vast program of Community Singing of Christmas Carols will last from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited and admission will be free with preference given to wounded veterans who will be brought from all Bay Area Military Hospitals for this occasion.

The program is featuring the famous A Capella Choir of the State University. Perry Askam, the baritone who thrilled you in the 'Desert Song,' will sing the Lord's Prayer. The Community Singing will be accompanied by massed pianos, and will harmonize to one of the biggest pipe organs in the world. To complete the musical setting there will be two brass bands on the stage.

Washington (CNS)—A buyer in Hawaii purchased 17,266 steel helmets, the same number of gas masks, and 1262 gas mask canisters, all left over from World War I. Price: \$5400. The AP dispatch didn't say what anyone in Hawaii expected to do with them.



WAC OF THE WEEK



DORIS STRAWN
Technician Fourth Grade

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has found a willing volunteer in Doris Strawn who, although she has lived all over California, always seems to end up in San Francisco after spasmodic attempts to sell herself on other places.

While growing up, Doris lived three years in the Golden Gate city; she moved away and came back again to live here four more years before joining the army—on condition that she would be assigned in San Francisco. Last June she came to Letterman.

Her work in septic surgery, treating infections and wounds of LGH patients, is a far cry from other jobs Doris held here in civilian life. For a year she was night manager of a downtown restaurant and for a couple years she worked in movie film and V-mail departments of Eastern Kodak Company.

"I was working with V-mail during the first six months it was used; it was very interesting," Doris said.

Three years ago, while Doris' sister was flying between San Francisco and her home in Seattle, she became acquainted with a British Navy officer on his way to San Francisco. He looked up Doris and took her out; in between visits, they wrote. They are now engaged. He is in Panama at the moment but, with five years' service, expects to be discharged from service in the next month or two; his processing will be Washington, D. C., since he plans to become an American citizen. After discharge, he will head from east coast directly west.

New York (CNS)—For 20 years, Conrad Cantzen, a down-and-out actor, slept in stage door hallways, dined at the municipal lodging houses, and bummed shoes from theater folk. Recently Conrad died, leaving \$250,000 in hoarded securities to establish a fund to buy shoes "for needy actors."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES REDEMPTION PLAN FOR LOST CHECKS

The Treasury Department today inaugurated sweeping procedural changes designed to speed up greatly the liquidation of claims arising from lost, stolen, destroyed, mutilated and out - of - date Government checks, changes that will be of particular assistance to many thousands of service personnel temporarily deprived of their money as a result of war hazards.

The wholesale elimination of accounting delays, in part made possible by legislation sponsored by the Treasury and the General Accounting Office and just signed by the President, and in part by agreement between the two agencies under existing law, will reduce the time required for settling such claims in many cases from possible months, to a few days.

Treasury officials said that with claims in the two classification involved running currently at a rate in excess of 12,000 a month, the speeding up of payment obviously is essential to eliminate hardships that otherwise would exist for great numbers of men returning from long service overseas. The simplified procedure will, of course, apply to similar claims from non-service recipients of Government checks.

In the case of lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated checks, the new procedure eliminates in most cases the requirement that the payee provide indemnity or surety to protect the Government in case the original instrument turns up, and accepts simple application for a substitute check.

It makes provision for issuance of a substitute check speedily even

where the original disbursing officer has left the service of the Government, where a check was drawn against a foreign depository, and in other situations that previously have involved lengthy delays.

The issuance of a "substitute", rather than "duplicate" check hitherto drawn greatly reduces the possibility of the instrument becoming "stale" before it can be presented for payment, since the new check is dated currently. Checks that are more than one full fiscal year old are not payable by the Treasurer of the United States, but must be handled as claims through the General Accounting Office.

Heretofore, such claims could not be handled until reconciliation of accounts of the responsible disbursing officers had been accomplished by the GAO. Due to the tremendous volume of check transactions during the war, delays in such accounting became inevitable.

The new procedure agreed upon by the Treasury and the GAO will expedite the payment of these claims for out-dated checks tremendously. It involves transfer of lump-sum amounts from accounts of disbursing officers to a trust fund from which payment may be made before the actual reconciliation of accounts.

In the case of lost, stolen and destroyed checks, special deposit accounts are set up in the Treasury against which substitute checks may be drawn.

Inquiry as to procedure in either type of claim may be made to the Chief Disbursing Officer, Treasury Department, Washington.

MORE ABOUT PATIENTS

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New Mexico before entering the Army.

Bed No. 10 is home between PX trips for S/Sgt. Michael Fennimore of Brooklyn; a professional musician and "man-about-town" — direct quote. He entertains via the piano though his soul belongs to the saxophone with which he makes his living professional life.

S/Sgt. Harold Dugan is a sparkly one, who claims he hasn't any home town and plans to locate in San Francisco when he leaves. He pursues the hobby of collecting interest-

ing people, and says that alone keeps him very busy.

Room 7 has a pair of comparative newcomers—Cpl. Frank Rodriguez of Fresno and Pvt. Warren Ackerslund, of Washington State. And the only other patient we caught was T/4th Gr. N. L. Espe, of Portland, Oregon, who left school when he entered the Army five years ago, and plans to resume his education as soon as he gets out.

So there is a side-view of C-1—a wide airy ward characterized by small groups of pinochle players and musical fans, and lots of good-natured ribbing . . . a little home within the big home that is Letterman.

Six Medics Awarded The Medal of Honor In World War II

World War II has produced six Army Medical Department heroes, who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award given for heroism in action, the Office of The Surgeon General has announced.

Technical Sergeant Lloyd C. Hawks, Park Rapids, Minnesota, Private First Class at the time of his award, was the first "Medic" to get the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II. Surrounded by Germans on three sides and defying enemy machine gun fire only thirty yards away, Sergeant Hawks saved the lives of two seriously wounded riflemen and a medic who was injured while trying to reach them. While aiding the injured men, Sergeant Hawks received a scalp wound and suffered a splintered hip and arm from machine gun bursts. After dragging his comrades to safety with his good arm, he waited six hours for aid.

Two of the medals were awarded posthumously: One to Technician Fifth Grade Alfred L. Wilson, Fairchance, Pennsylvania, who was mortally wounded on a battlefield in France and refused to be evacuated, caring for his comrades' needs until he lost consciousness; and the other to Technician Fourth Grade Laverne Parrish, who was killed while ministering to the needs of the wounded under intense enemy fire in the Southwest Pacific Area.

Three others receiving the award were: Private First Class Desmond T. Doss, Lynchburg, Virginia, who saved the lives of many men on the battlefields of Guam, Leyte, and Okinawa; Private Harold A. Gorman, Albion, Illinois, who risked his life to swim the Seine and tow a boat of helpless wounded to shore; and Corporal Thomas J. Kelly, Brooklyn, New York, who made ten trips through heavy enemy fire to save the lives of seventeen wounded men and guide seven others to safety.

New Orleans (CNS)—When she was 6, Lois James, now 26, sat on a needle. The other day the needle was removed from her body, just as it was about to pierce her heart.

Memphis, Tenn (CNS)—Charging cruelty, Mrs Ruby Gresham has sued for divorce. She asks no alimony, merely the custody of the family telephone.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Empty beds, bare and cold-looking springs and rolled back mattresses gave the barracks a half-deserted look this week as almost 50 girls threw Christmas gifts and extra skirts and shirts into grips and headed home on a holiday furlough.

An additional 18 girls, eligible for discharge, turned their excess GI clothing over the counter in the supply room and pulled out for Camp Beale last Sunday with visions of getting out and home soon enough to help fasten the crowning star on the tip of the Christmas tree.

At least one or two in the barracks were summoning their initiative and trying to convert their "areas" into holiday-decorated corners. Lois Parker and Hazel Orond decked a small but genuine tree, contributed by Helen Spiczko, with bright trim and piled under it gay-wrapped gifts being exchanged by girls of lower 212.

In upper 213 a miniature artificial tree rests on a foot locker, brightening up the barracks which has taken on a dull orderliness as one person after another left.

Some of the girls, who consider caroling even more important than a tree in making it really Christmas, were planning to get together by the middle of the week to practice for a Wac choir.

And all over the detachment, boxes of holiday food were arriving and being passed around, and hopes were being expressed that "if they send me anything, they'll make it money." Or, as one weary Wac quipped, "some skates so I won't have so much walking to do."

Newest addition to the detachment is T/4 Eleanor Horning of Petaluma, transferred here from Des Moines.

On their way to become civilians—or already there—are Kathleen Morris, Betty Chobanian, Faith Calhoun, Mathilda Capell, Agnes Ceryes, Florence Demme, Cleo Duke, Inez Erb, Margaret Frederick, Shirley Hall, Myrtle Hazelett, Carolyn Melson, Sylvia Tutaj, Wynelle Weimer, Lorraine Weirich, Mildred West, Bettie Lewis and Ilien K. Cleveland.

LIEUT. COL. COLHOUN, DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICE, VISITS LETTERMAN



Lt. Col. ROSALIE D. COLHOUN
Director of Nursing Service, Ninth Service Command

Letterman has been honored during the past week by the first extended visit of Lieutenant Colonel Rosalie D. Calhoun since she assumed her duties as Director of Nursing Service for the Ninth Service Command in May of this year.

Colonel Calhoun is a native of Virginia and a graduate of the Army School of Nursing. She has been in the Regular Army since 1929 and her service has included duty at Walter Reed General Hospital, the Military Academy at West Point, Philippines, Fort Benning, and Oliver General Hospital.

As Director of the Nursing Service, the colonel makes periodic visits of inspection to all installations of the Ninth Service Command where members of the Army Nurse Corps are on duty. The length of her stay at each post is necessarily brief but after this visit to Letterman we feel we know her a lot better and the welcome mat is always in front of the door for her.



School for GI Brides Set-up in England

London (CNS) — Schools for British brides of GIs have been set up by the American Red Cross in England, to help these women understand their future home. The purpose is to do a job of "deglamorizing," that is, to correct the impression formed from Hollywood films and fast-talking soldiers who married them. Also on the curriculum are the geography of America, living conditions, and living within a given income.

A Red Cross spokesman said that 53,000 GI brides await shipping space which won't be available until March. The problem is complicated, he said, by an American law which furnished free transportation for the first 3 grades, but not for men of lesser rank.



MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

The following are "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to the separation center during the past week: S/Sgt. John Y. James; Sgts. Philip H. Bryant and Richard Nielsen; Cpl. Theodore J. Brys; Pvts. Ellsworth Sprnekke, Victor M. Pisano, William H. Eckler, Meyer Cantor and Evan E. Stone.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgts. Carl A. Schelly and Harold W. Baerresen; Sgt. Ellis E. Rutland; T/4th Gr. Herbert Ososke, Albert E. Hopkins and Charles E. Griffin; Cpls. Maurice J. Durkin and Cecil J. Yeargain; Pvts. Wayne Shepherd, Herman Cooks, George C. DeNike and Alvin L. Hammond.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Sgt. Raymond K. Faris, appointed S/Sgt.; Sgt. Morris Jacobs, appointed T/3rd Gr.; Cpls. Paul G. Ewing, Hartwell P. Milling and Armand L. Roy, appointed Sgt.; Cpl. Anthony A. Quartuccio and T/5th Gr. Richard E. Miller, appointed T/4th Gr.; Pvts. Frank A. Bellino, Chester E. Gfeller and Paul L. McCorkle appointed Cpl.; Pvts. Leland D. Ziegler and Virgil C. Peterson appointed T/5th Gr.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Herman Gai now a proud father of a baby boy. Congratulations, Herman!

T/4th Gr. Paul Katz taking over the duties of N. C. O. in charge of the Pharmacy while T/3rd Gr. Edward Childgren takes a furlough.

Sgt. Elias E. Tamey giving up cigar smoking much to the satisfaction of the pinocle players as they can now see their cards without having to open all the windows in the PX.

Sgt. John Perkins wasting no time as he is already getting his civilian clothes together so that he can start off to school as soon as he returns to civilian life.

CIVIL CIRCLES

At this point activities in the installation are humming to the tune of "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night." People are dashing madly around with packages under their arms and bits of holly in their hair taking care of all the last minute details before the Great Day arrives. We think it safe to surmise that all the good little boys and girls are prepared for the arrival of Old Saint Nick. The "going home" contingent has gone. It includes **Ellen Bauer** who's off to Vacaville and **Georgia Powers** who will spend the holidays with her family in Stockton. The Chambers family is preparing a Wyoming welcome for Helen, who is flying to Rock Springs for a snowy Yuletide. **Virginia de Trana** will be in Chicago by the 25th with her relatives. Also to the windy city has gone **Elizabeth Warren**. **Esther Aguado** will join her family in L.A. and **Betty Ann Strunk** plans to have Xmas with her parents in Grants Pass, Oregon. **Harry Woodlee** from the Print Shop is attending his first family reunion in 12 years at Eureka, Calif. **Joe Meneze** will leave for a friend's ranch.

The Outpatient Branch is having a small soiree and **Harry Wells** will be behind those long, white whiskers.

One last reminder of the thousands of returning service men who will be stranded in our city unable to find transportation homeward. They would be eternally grateful for invitations to private parties on Xmas day. Three lucky men will be guests at the **Chez Bensen** where **Mary** has a really entertaining schedule planned for them. A call to any local USO will furnish you with guests.

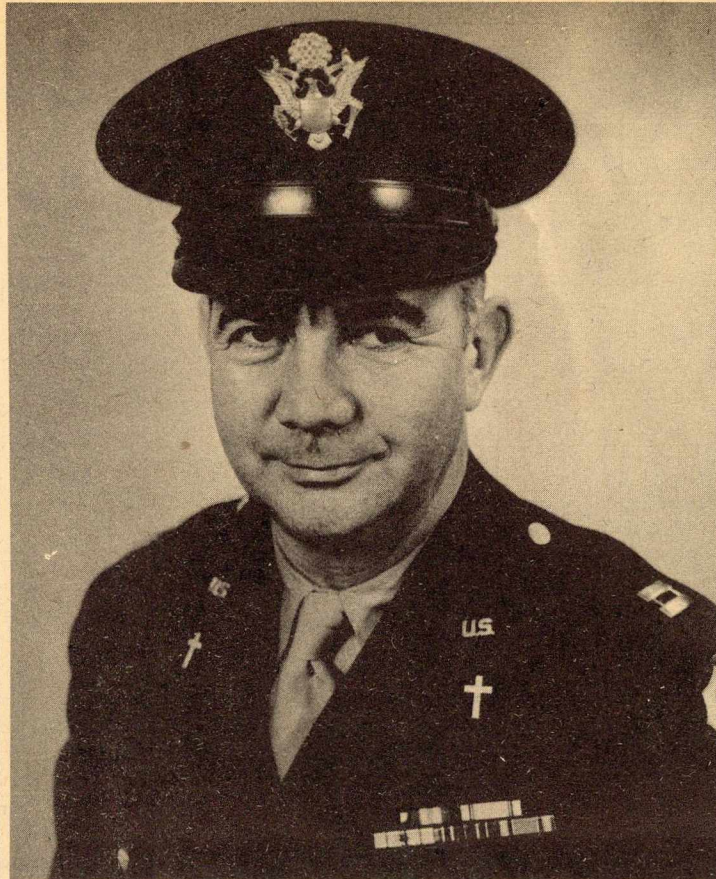
Three civilians will be working in the Info Office this Noel and will have the thanks of all the patients for receiving their messages.

That's about it for today, except you might drop in on **Ace Guth** during the next 10 days. Santa Claus brought her a new bar which she is going to initiate during the gala season. Have a Very, Very Merry Christmas, everyone!

Herring Soup: How to Make It

Germany (CNS)—A tasty hint for German housewives appears in a recent issue of a Berlin newspaper. The item: Herring soup. The recipe: "Take a herring head, boil it in water, add flour and an onion ring—for the desired effect."

CHAPLAIN CLICK JOINS LGH STAFF AFTER LONG TOUR IN THE PACIFIC



Chaplain (Capt.) ALBERT F. CLOCK, US Army
Recent addition to the Chaplains here

Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click, the last army chaplain out of the northern Solomons, came to Letterman December 8 on his first domestic assignment since 1943 and hopes he'll "stay around awhile."

The chaplain's wife and his son, Albert Wayne, a junior at Pacific Grove high school, live comparatively nearby, on the Monterey peninsula; they have made their home there for five years and, to Chaplain Click who got used to being separated from them by several thousand miles, Letterman seems practically on their doorstep.

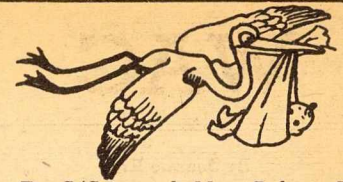
Bougainville, on which he landed in December 1943, was the most strenuous assignment of the Solomon Island group, in the chaplain's opinion. He recalls that "there were 22 holes" in the tent he shared with another chaplain and they weren't made by moths. He also remembers more than one Jap shell that landed within killing distance from him—but, he adds with relief, failed to go off.

In mid-April 1944 Chaplain Click was assigned as island chaplain to Nissan, in the Green Island group, a 20-minute plane ride from Rabaul. He was the officer in charge of the cemetery which, he asserts, was "the most beautiful in the South Pacific."

"The chapel," he continues, "was built at the cemetery by natives and was also a beautiful piece of work." From February 1945 until last August the chaplain was at Munda.

Chaplain Click, as a member of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference, has been in so many parts of Texas that he has to stop and think twice or more to remember his home town. He was born and brought up in Greenville; in fact, he adds, since Civil war days his family has remained within a 50-mile radius of that area.

After attending junior college there, the chaplain went on to McMurry college in Abilene, Texas. He later took his degree at Panhandle



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert V. Mardock, a son, **Richard LaVerne**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 10 December.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Howard P. Pike, a daughter, **Donna Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 10 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Cooper, a son, **Robert Lee Jr.**, weight 5 pounds and 10 ounces, born 11 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Wm. James Kennedy, a son, **Wm James Jr.**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 12 December.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Koenig, a son, **Joseph Arthur**, weight 8 pounds, born 13 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Jack V. Nice, a son, **Michael Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 13 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Francis X. McNamara, a daughter, **Sharon Anne**, weight 5 pounds and 1 ounce, born 14 December.

To Mrs. Rose L. Abinanti, a son, **Harry Samuel III**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 15 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph V. Beckman, a daughter, **Roberta Elaine**, weight 5 pounds and 3 ounces, born 15 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Herman J. Gai, a son, **James Thomas**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 16 December.

'Peace,' Brother?

Tokyo (CNS)—The Japs have chosen names for 2 new brands of domestic cigarettes. The names: "Corona" and "Peace."

U. S. Population Up

Washington (CNS)—The USA is still growing. Latest reports from the Census Bureau show the nation's population has climbed 8 million since 1940, and now has passed the 140 million mark.

Agriculture-Mechanical school at Goodwell, Okla., and did his theological work at Southern Methodist University.

For three years before entering the army, in March 1941, Chaplain Click had a pastorate in Texoma, Okla. There in Texoma the chaplain was twice post commander of the Rock-McAdams American Legion post.

Sad Sacks Serene With New Honors As Champions

The Letterman "Sad Sacks" can hold their heads high and ignore any remarks about their poor bowling as they have now won one of the toughest tournaments the army has ever put on and it is also their first championship. The LGH keggers won the Handicap Division of the Ninth Service Command Bowling contest which was held at the Fort Mason Alleys on the 16th, 17th and 18th of December. In this competition the best teams throughout the Ninth Service Command participated and Letterman may well be proud of its "Sad Sacks."

On the first day of the tournament the LGH bowlers got off to a good start and by the end of the day were out in front by a slim margin. However, on the second day of the play offs they dropped behind by 25 pins. On the final day of the contest the "Sad Sacks" hit their stride once more and for the first time they withstood the pressure and, coming out ahead by 150 pins, walked off with the championship.

The Letterman team also had the two distinct honors during the competition as they bowled the highest game with a total pinfall of 1039 without the handicap. They also had the highest pinfall for the nine games which was without the handicap totaling 8129. M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz stayed right on top with an average of 193 for the series.

The open Division championship was won by Camp Stoneman when they defeated Camp Hahn of Southern California after taking the last game by a slim margin of 21 pins.

The "Sad Sacks" rolled a total pinnage of 8912 as against their rivals' score of 8762 which was rolled by Papago Park of Phoenix, Arizona, and they were followed by the Vancouver Barracks team which had a total of 8392 for the series. The score for Letterman series is: 982-839-894-804-1039-878-953.

The averages for the Sad Sacks during the nine games were as follows:

Wilcox: 173.3.
Davis: 180.
Otterstetter: 169.8.
Marano: 187.1.
Kuntz: 192.7.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME	DATE
Kiddies Xmas Party	Rec. Ctr.	2:30	Sat., Dec. 22
USO Show	YMCA	7:15	
Movies & Entertainment	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	
Officers Xmas Dance	LGH Club	7:30-12PM	
Xmas Tea - Old St. Mary's Choir	Rec. Ctr.	2 P. M.	Sun., Dec. 23
Xmas Carollers	Wards	2:00-4:00	
Drive to see S. F. Xmas	Dec. Off Post	7:00-8:30	
Xmas Program - Singing Strings	YMCA	7:30	
USO Camp Show	Crissy	2 P. M.	Mon., Dec. 24
AFEC Stage Show	YMCA	2 P. M.	
Party - Carollers - Entertain.	Wards	7:00-9:00	
Braden Follies	YMCA	7:00	
Variety Stage Show	YMCA	8:00	
Xmas Eve Party	Rec. Ctr.	8:00	
Xmas morn. Coffee - Open House	Rec. Ctr.	10 A. M.	Tues., Dec. 25
Gift Distribution	Wards	10:30 A. M.	
Command Performance	Radio	9:30-11:30	
USO Show	YMCA	2 P. M.	
Open House - All Invited!	Rec. Ctr.	2 P. M.	
Movies & Entertainment	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	
High School Band Concert	Rec. Ctr.	2 P. M.	Wed., Dec. 26
Movie - Sketcher - Magician	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	
Holiday Party	YMCA	7:30	
Beat Your Buddy	Rec. Ctr.	2 P. M.	Thurs., Dec. 27
Movies - Entertainment	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	
The Shell Stage Show	YMCA	7:15	
Movies Entertainment - Cookie Brigade	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	Fri., Dec. 28
Salamugundi Party	Rec. Ctr.	6:30-8:45	
Party - Entertainment	YMCA	7:30	
Fudge and Popcorn Party	Rec. Ctr.	2 P. M.	Sat., Dec. 29
Movies - Entertainment	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	
Music	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	Sun., Dec. 30
Episcopal Boys Choir	Rec. Ctr.	2 P. M.	
Musical Program	YMCA	7:30	
Movies - Parties - Entertainers	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	Mon., Dec. 31
New Years Eve Party	YMCA	8:00-12PM	
New Years Eve Party	Rec. Ctr.	8:00-12PM	
New Years Coffee. All welcome!	Rec. Ctr.	10 A. M.	New Years
Open House - Egg Nog Party	Rec. Ctr.	All Day	
New Years Day Party	YMCA	All Day	
Movies and Entertainment	Wards	Aft.-Eve.	



Football Final

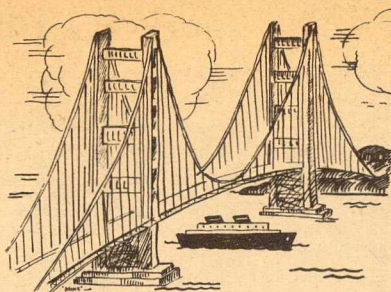
All US sports writers finally conceded that Army's great team is one for the ages. The writers fell before the Mule when Navy did to complete Army's 2d straight unbeaten season and 2d year atop the intercollegiate heap. The writers voted Army the No. 1 spot over Navy, 1160 ballots to 942. Then came unbeaten Alabama, unbeaten Indiana, unbeaten Oklahoma Aggies and thrice beaten Michigan. . . . The big ten champ was Indiana; South, Alabama and Duke; SW, Oklahoma Aggies; Coast, Southern Cal; Ivy League, Penn. . . . Doc Blanchard, Army fullback won the Heisman award signifying him as the nation's best football player. He beat out his touchdown twin, Glenn Davis, 860 points to 638. . . . Walt Trojanoski, of Connecticut University, was nation's top scorer. He made 22 touchdowns, 132 points in 8 games. Blanchard scored 19 touchdowns and Davis 18. . . .

Experts picking All-American football teams agreed on Davis and Blanchard and disagreed on everyone else. The AP and UP backfield had Davis, Blanchard, Bob Fennimore, Okla Aggies, and Herman Wedemeyer, St Marys. Colliers had Davis, Blanchard, Wedemeyer and Harry Gilmer, Alabama. YANK chose Davis, Blanchard, Jake Leicht, Oregon, and Pete Pihos, Indiana. CNS choices were Davis, Blanchard, Trojanoski and Harry Ghaul, Miami University scatterback and point kicking specialist.

The Pro Game

The Cleveland Rams and Washington Redskins won sectional honors in the National Pro race. Individual honors went to Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, the league's top scorer and ground gainer; Sammy Baugh, Washington, and Sid Luckman, Bears, who once again battled down the line for passing honors; Bob Waterfield, Cleveland, rookie-of-the-year and brightest all-around star in the loop; Don Hutson, Green Bay, once again the best pass-catching end in the business; and Mel Hein and Frank Cope, Giants.

Trenton, NJ (CNS)—The Yule spirit sometimes does not fill to overflowing the heart of fruit vendors, the State of New Jersey has warned. The State has cautioned consumers to peer inside Christmas fruit boxes to ascertain that the boxes are stuffed with more fruit than sawdust.



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Generosity of San Franciscans Make Big Christmas Here

The Christmas of 1945 will go down in Letterman history as the biggest in recent years. The people of San Francisco in their individual roles and as members of the fraternal, labor, veterans, and church societies united to give the patients here a day to long remember.

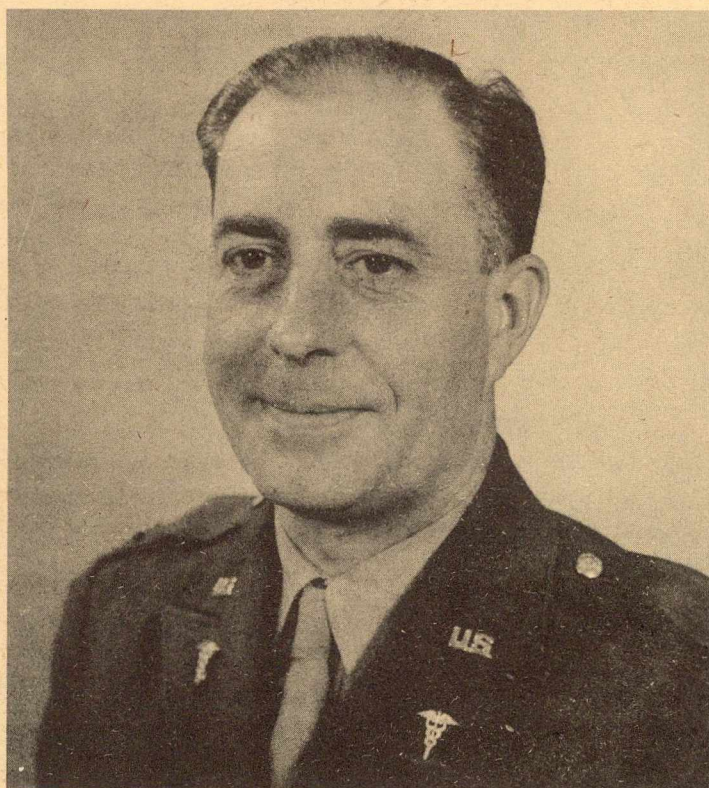
The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary opened the gift giving program on Sunday afternoon when a committee visited the wards and presented every patient with a gift package. On Christmas morning the gift packets from the War Wounded Fund of the local Hearst newspaper were handed to the patients as a start for a very merry Christmas. Then our beloved Gray Ladies trundled their little carts in and out of the wards until every man had something to show for their visit.

Mr. William P. Kyne, General Manager of the California Jockey Club, made arrangements for a program of entertainment that completely occupied the time of the patients on Christmas eve. There was a complete show in the auditorium of the Army "Y" and later the players made the rounds of the wards for the men who were bedfast.

There was the traditional Christmas dinner with turkey and all the fixin's and at each place was a cellophane bag filled with candy, nuts, fruit, a package of cigarettes, and a cigar. The latter was made possible by a donation of a large quantity of cigars presented to the hospital by the local office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

There was Open House at the Recreation Center and at the Army YMCA where the staff worked long hours on Monday and Christmas

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Colonel LEONARD N. SWANSON, MC.,
Who takes over as Chief of the Outpatients Service and the Receiving Office.

Colonel Swanson Joins Letterman Staff

Col. Leonard N. Swanson, MC., who is taking over as Chief of the Outpatient Service and officer in charge of the Receiving Office, is back at Letterman for his third tour of duty here.

Colonel Swanson is a graduate of the University of California Medical School and was commissioned in the army in July 1930 with his first station at Letterman. He later went to the Army Medical School at Washington and followed with a tour of duty as transport surgeon on the

USAT "Grant". After two years at sea he returned to Letterman for four years and then went to the office of the Surgeon General.

In 1942 he was assigned to the 14th Evacuation Hospital, which he trained and took over to the CBI where he was on the Assam-Burma border along the Stillwell Road. He returned to the United States in October 1945 and after a leave of absence was assigned to Letterman for his third tour of duty.

Letterman is always glad to see the old timers return.

Medical Service Is Transferred To Dante Annex

The recent transition in the mission of Letterman from that of a debarkation hospital to a place of definitive treatment brought many changes in the local geographical set up but one that exceeds all others is the transfer of the entire medical service to the Dante Annex while the main hospital is to be reserved for surgical cases.

Dante Annex was originally the Dante Sanitarium and was taken over by the Army for use as the station hospital for the San Francisco Port of Embarkation in 1943. A year later it passed to the jurisdiction of Letterman and became known as the Dante Annex. Until this week it housed the obstetrical service as well as a general medical and surgical service for station hospital cases and for dependents of military personnel.

Under the new arrangement the obstetrical service will be retained at Dante with 30 beds available for maternity cases, but everything else including the communicable diseases section of the medical side will be centered, the sole exception being the dermatology section to be retained at Letterman.

The main hospital will serve as a center for neuro-surgery, neuro-psychiatry, orthopedics, ophthalmic surgery, radiology, and deep X-ray therapy. The overflow will be cared for in the East Hospital which was greatly enlarged during the war.

Crissy Annex is to be retained as the Debarkation Unit where there are approximately 1000 beds for the use of the patients coming in from overseas as part of the occupation forces. All of the war wounded have long since been returned to the United States.

PATIENTS ON D-1 SAY THEY HAVE THE BEST WARD HERE

Inspecting officers and casual visitors know long-corridor D-1 as the ward of orthopedic surgery with a surplus of bed patients but the boys themselves have a few other tags for their temporary headquarters.

To them D-1 is the place of quick-witted banter, of guitar solos by Pfc Arvicio Lara and of chow mein parties in the early hours of the



Capt. ROBERT C. BECHTOL
Ward Officer

morning . . . at least during the holidays.

Captain Robert C. Bechtol, whose assignments at Letterman have been interspersed by duty at Dante and Dibble, has been back as ward officer on D-1 a month. In addition, he works in the operating room mornings and is in charge of officer orthopedic cases.

Of his patients Captain Bechtol says, "We find that the boys wounded in combat are especially excellent patients and they are good about bearing with us."

In Bed 1, first bed on the left entering the ward, is Cpl. Herbert A. Edwards, newest comer. He was brought in Christmas morning after being robbed and beaten up by two civilians and a sailor shortly after he left his bay-anchored ship to go on pass into town. He's not bitter about it but says wistfully, "I thought I'd be back in New York by New Year's."

Pvt. William James of Crow's Landing, who has been in service since October, got assigned to Bed 2 after his motorcycle became involved in a collision; he's planning to go back to cycle riding when he recovers.

Pfc. Clyde Dawson, who used to

be a motion picture projectionist downtown and has had an army career that includes 33 months in the ETO, plans to do "nothing" when he gets his discharge.

What T/4 Donald Weaver wants to do when he gets out is catch up on fishing, one of his pre-army hobbies. Grand Canyon waters were his favorite fishing grounds: "In fact, there was barely any sport in it; if you threw a clothes pin in the canyon, a fish would jump at it." Since he'll be living in Encinitas, Calif., he's thinking of trying his luck at Lake Tahoe.

Pvt. George J. Gusman, Bed 4, was in the army at Camp Beale



1st Lt. JEANNE GAGNON
Charge Nurse

seven days when he was hurt as the dirt bank into which he was digging collapsed. Four days after he entered the army he also became the father of a boy.

Next to him in the ward is Pvt. John Oliveres who was in the Pacific 44 months and has the Silver Star for gallantry in action on Leyte. He likes to draw and used to help a cartoon service artist as he sketched overseas fighting men.

Pfc Albert Etcheverry is going back to the farm at Los Banos when he finishes his army career, now over the two-year mark. He was wounded in Italy, July 1944.

Tucked behind Pfc Masami R. Iso's bed, which is Number 13, are two rolls of leather and one of lining, which constitute the major share of equipment for his hobby, leather work. By specializing in billfolds and purses, he made most of the gifts which he sent home to San Jose for Christmas.

Next to Masami are the crack-tos-

sing inseparables—Lyle Chapel and Roy Matsuda who have been together since hospitalization in Italy. When Matsuda, better known as Cookie, is asked a question, Chapel answers it for him and vice versa.

Cookie lived in Hawaii 19 years before coming to the states to join the army three years ago and his chum says, "He has one special hobby, to argue about Hawaii." Cookie's planning on going back there to live.

When Cookie arrived on D-1, he had a reunion with Pfc Garroy Nagayama who lived three miles from him in Hawaii; the boys hadn't seen each other for seven years though they discovered, as they talked, that they'd been in the same regiment in Italy. Pfc Nakayama is going back to Hawaii this week and intends later to reenlist in the army.

Pfc Bob Buschow, Bed 16, who has been in the army three years and, in his opinion, "too long" is a



Sgt. DALE GATES
Wardmaster

professional musician, a saxophone player. Near him is Pvt. Bruce Tso, Navajo Indian from Arizona, who has sports cartoonist Tommy Thompson's sketch of an Indian brave on his chest.

Down a little farther along the line is Sgt. James F. Day of Burbank who likes sailing and used to have a 20-foot boat in which he'd travel up and down the coast and around the islands. He came here from Camp Haan debarkation hospital to which he'd been admitted on return from Guam.

Nearby is Pfc Huey Ong, a Sacramento resident, with 33 months in service and 3 weeks at LGH; he was in Europe six months and was

wounded there, returned for broken left arm and leg.

The corner between Beds 22 and 23 is whimsically called "Murphy's Bar;" implications are left to the imagination. Inhabitant of 22 is Pfc Jack Davis of Sanger, Calif., who "reads most of the time," he says, and in 23 is T/5 Russell Nunes of Oakland who plans to "bum around and hunt mountain lions" for a while after he gets out of service.

In Bed 24 is Pfc Frank R. Wayman, Streator, Ill., whose hobbies, believe it or not, revolve around guns—hunting, collecting and target practice. He is going to Northwestern University police school when he gets out.

At the end of the ward list is S/Sgt. Stuart Bailey, Bed 25, who was in the death march of Bataan and spent three and a half years in prison before coming home to San Francisco to receive leg injuries in a cable car crash. On his recent 23rd birthday he received his promotion from Pfc to staff sergeant.

A little removed from the verbal give and take of the ward are room occupants—Pfc Warren K. Young of Los Angeles, who used to break horses and do rodeo riding in Montana and is planning to start ranching on his own in Oregon; S/Sgt. Ed Brooks



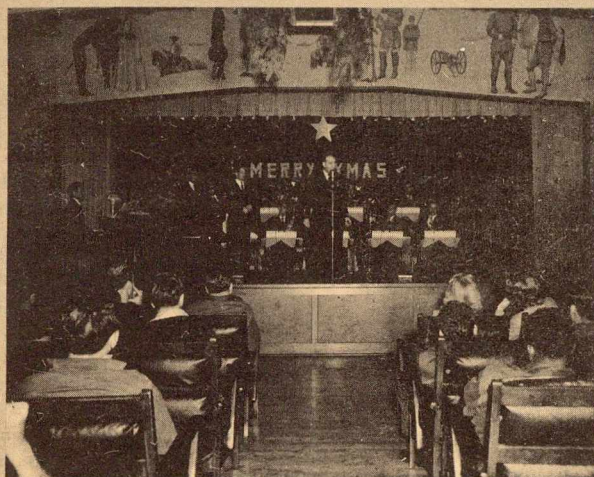
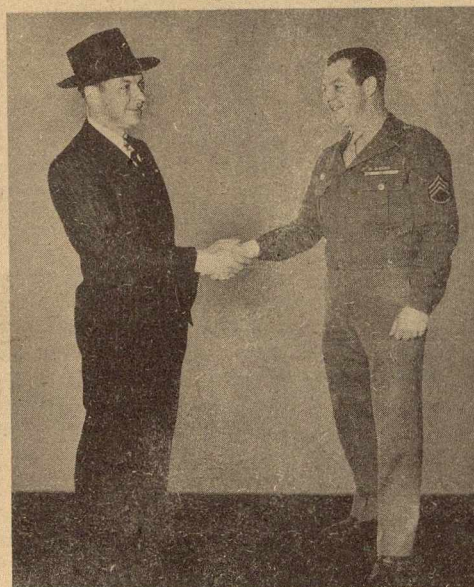
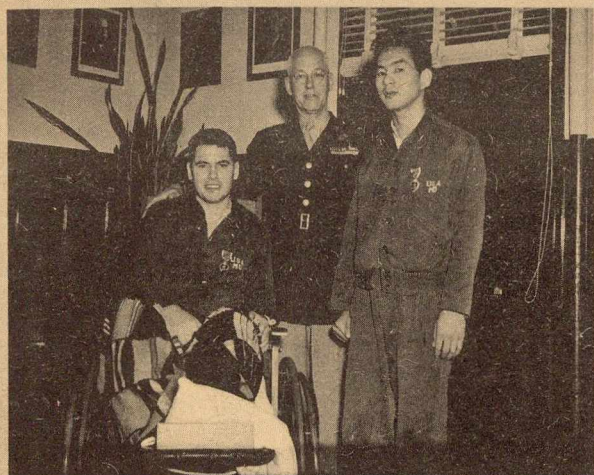
T/5 ETHEL ANDERSON
Surgical Technician

of Alabama City who is newly back from overseas and hoping to be sent closer home, and Sgt. Louis Meyer of Des Moines, Iowa.

Recently moved out of D-1 into E-2 is T/5 Armando Novelo of Redding, Calif., whose idea of a good time in civilian life was putting together a motorcycle and then taking

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YULE TIDE HAPPENINGS AT LETTERMAN



(Upper left) **THE WINNAH!!**
Of the Yule decoration contest is Ward M-1. Observing are (l to r) Pvt. Roy Alisen, Carmen Ungaro, Lieut. Frances O. C. Richie, T-4 Byron Melberg, and M-Sgt. Henry Fletcher.

(Center left) **HONORED**
By awards of the Purple Heart are (left of General Hillman) S-Sgt. Stuart W. Bailey, who also received an oak leaf cluster, and Pfc. Jimmie T. Tentsui

(Lower left) **MUSIC**
By the NBC studio band and entertainment by San Francisco night club talent beguiled away during idle holiday hours

(Upper right) **RUNNER UP**
Is Ward 27 in the prize contest. Sgt. John McGhee spent his days--and far into the nights--before Christmas dressing up his tree.

(Center right) **AU REVOIR**
Says S-Sgt. Robert J. Bement to Mr. Robert J. Bement.

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EDITORIAL



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
TO ALL**

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Again glad bells
are ringing out
Their message
loud and clear:
Best wishes, friends,
to all of you,
To all a bright
New Year!



The holidays, which provided the chance last week for many LGH nurses to get back to family circles on leave, drew more nurses this week as the season progressed. Absent from Letterman ramps and wards temporarily are 1st Lts. Geveva Jenkins, Eileen Badgett and Dorcas J. Barondes. Second Lt. Harriet G. Boswell recently went on terminal leave while 2nd Lts. Eleanor A. Gustin and Patricia Milloy returned from a quick 5-day vacation.

Captain Margaret J. Giles came back Sunday night from a leave preliminary to overseas duty. The last week of her leave she spent in Carmel with Captain Lizzie O. Woods, also on leave before going overseas; Captain Woods is expected back here late this week.

First Lt. Letha Albrecht, who was Lt. McHale until about a week ago, is off on a honeymoon to as many places as can be covered by train in 20 days of leave.

The army nurse exchanged OD's for a white satin wedding gown when she was married here recently in the hospital chapel; a reception followed in the nurses' rec hall. The couple had no definite route mapped out for their honeymoon or, if they did, they wouldn't disclose it; they only said they would be "traveling around the country."

As army hospitals closed, all over the Ninth Service Command, more nurses gravitated here to become additions to the LGH staff. Recently arrived are Capt. Elizabeth N. Johnson and 2nd Lts. Dorothy Kelly and Alyce Leduc from DeWitt General Hospital; Capt. Mary G. Lohr from Hammond and 1st Lts. Margaret M. Fenley and Mary L. Dickason from Camp Beale.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday January 5th, and on Saturday January 19th at 9 p. m.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.

Junior hostesses will welcome you.



A new solitaire diamond ring on the proper finger of Lieut. **Barbara Graves** delivered by Santa Claus—and the man is in the Navy.

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A Christmas message from Major **Gordon Langsdorf** telling about a meeting with Lieut. Colonel **Oscar C. Helming**, Lieut. Colonel **Oril Harbaugh**, Major **James Calloway**, and Major **Samuel Peck**—all former Lettermanites — and all with good thoughts towards us here.

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A letter from 1st Lieut. **Barbara Hartman**, former assistant director of Cadet Nurses here now in Manila with the 249th General Hospital, describing a storm at sea en route to the Philippines in a manner that Joseph Conrad might envy.

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Much activity with the changes taking place hereabouts and all we need at the moment is the descent of a few "paratroopers". Daddy's little helpers.

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Plenty of new crisp ten dollar bills emanating from the War Wounded Fund and getting into circulation without delay.

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Sgt. **Hugh Ashley** breaking into the hospital just in time to cut himself in on the "dividend" brought by Santa Claus.

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Lieut. Colonel **John D. Lamon, Jr.**, Chief of Surgical Service, hoping to lose his patient status by the time we come off the press.

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People dreaming of a dry Christmas some time.

Reception

The Commanding General and Mrs. Hillman will receive the officers and ladies of the command at a reception to be held in the Letterman Club on Monday, 31 December, from 1600 to 1800.

New Magazine in Berlin

Berlin (CNS)—Featuring American photos of the rubble that is Berlin, the first weekly magazine to appear in this city since the war has been put on sale. Titled the "Neue Berliner Illustrierte," the magazine's first issue was fiercely anti-Nazi in tone.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, December 30, 1945

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Col. J. W. Duckworth

Colonel James W. Duckworth, Medical Corps, commanding officer of Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta, Georgia, died there on Christmas night as the result of heart attack, according to a telephone message received as we go to press.

Colonel Duckworth was in command of the hospital on Bataan at the time of the surrender to the Japanese forces and his handling of that situation saved many hundreds of American lives. He later won renown for his work among the prisoners of war at Bilibid and Cabanatuan, and was at the latter camp when released by American troops in February of this year.

On his return to the United States, Colonel Duckworth was a patient at Letterman until he resumed active duty as commanding officer of Winter General Hospital at Topeka, Kansas, and two months ago he left there to assume command of Lawson General Hospital where he died.

Colonel Duckworth is survived by his widow, Mrs. Verne Duckworth, and arrangements are being made for funeral services in San Francisco and interment at the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno.

Visitors

Colonel and Mrs. Brown S. McClintic have as their house guests during the holidays Lieut. and Mrs. John A. Brettman. The lieutenant is an officer in the Naval Reserve and is at present on terminal leave and will re-enter the University of California School of Law on 1 February next. Mrs. Brettman was Winona McClintic before her marriage to the lieutenant.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DOROTHY MARSHALL
Technician 5th Grade

Blonde, bright - haired Dorothy Marshall, whose postwar plans for fun include a bicycle trip through New England and perhaps old England, is a recent arrival at Letterman, coming here something more than a week ago to become physiotherapist in Ward '29.

Dorothy was born in the 15,000-population town of Grand Junction, Colo., and went to high school and junior college there. Her early plans were to teach elementary grades but in fall 1943 she packed up and left for Boeing Aircraft company in Seattle.

There Dorothy worked as draftsman in the electrical department until last April. "It was really a thrill working there, especially seeing the planes finished and flying over."

While at Boeing, Dorothy became acquainted with Vivian Johnson with whom she joined the Wac last April; they were together through basic at Fort Oglethorpe and six months at DeWitt General Hospital, until Dorothy was transferred here; Dorothy just learned her friend is to come to Letterman also.

Before she came into service, Dorothy had been thinking of appeasing her love for travel by going to school in Alaska. Since coming to California, however, she has decided to complete her schooling, majoring in horticulture, at the University of California.

"I used to work a lot with flowers at home," Dorothy said, explaining her interest in horticulture. "I got up at five-thirty in the morning to work in the garden and then again in the evening."

With all her other interests Dorothy has a couple of hobbies. They are collecting lyrical and humorous poems and telling fortunes from palms and cards.

Your Work in the Army May Land You a Job

By Camp Newspaper Service

One of a Series on Post-War Jobs

Army and Navy job experience can pay off when you hit the civilian labor market.

This may seem preposterous to a rifleman who has spent most of his military career in the mud, squeezing an occasional bullet at the enemy. But he hasn't been wasting his time, nor has any sailor.

The War Manpower Commission can prove it. So can other agencies, both governmental and civilian.

They have spent a lot of time figuring out civilian jobs for which servicemen are qualified and have established that one-third of all Army jobs are related directly to civilian occupations, one third are indirectly related and ALL are related in some way.

49 Jobs for a Rifleman

As for the rifleman, believe it or not, he has qualifications that are related to 49 civilian jobs.

Military job experience is of special value if: 1. You improved civilian skills by what you learned as a soldier. 2. You learned an entirely new skill. 3. You learned about a field of employment you like which you hadn't considered before.

Under the first heading comes the man who may have been an auto mechanic before he became a GI. In the Army he received specialized mechanical training, then became a truckmaster or a truck driver.

New Vistas of Opportunity

In the second group is the gas station attendant who learned meat-cutting in the Army and has decided to become a civilian butcher after getting discharged.

An example of the third class is the machine operator who was assigned to a Judge Advocate's office and found, through indirect contacts with law, that he won't be satisfied unless he returns to school and becomes an attorney.

Backhanded benefits from military job experience have come to some men. For instance, to the GI who had gotten half-way through teacher's college, who became an instructor at a service school and found that he would never be happy if he made teaching a life's work. Such a discovery is negative, but important.

The kind of civilian work for which military experience has fitted men is extremely varied. Consider the rifleman, the fellow whose Army job has been to load, aim and fire a rifle to destroy enemy personnel. And whose business it has been to assist in the capture and holding of enemy positions.

Among the possible civilian occupations for him, with only brief

on-the-job experience are: powder monkey, explosive operator, magazine keeper or nitroglycerin-storeroom operator. With some additional training, he may qualify as a hunting and fishing guide, a trapper, oiler or greaser. Or perhaps as an automobile accessories installer, a stud hairspringer, garage equipment assembler, shrink pit helper, star-gage operator or gymnasticator operator.

Other Jobs Listed

In other fields, Army jobs and a few of the civilian occupations to which they are related include:

Control Tower Operator: airport control operator, studio engineer, transmitter tester.

Ammunition Handler: cotton picker operator, brine house man, solvent recovery man.

Heavy Artillery Mechanic: barrel driller, fuel system installer, motorcycle repairman.

Classification Specialist: camp director, time-study engineer, social worker.

Clerk-Typist: court reporter, clerk typist, librarian.

Landing Craft Coxswain: barge captain, bus driver, pleasure craft sailor.

Glider Mechanic: airplane inspector, canvas worker, spot welder.

Light Machine Gunner: cigar machine oiler, dump truck operator, draw press operator.

Medical Corpsman: asylum attendant, anesthetist, funeral attendant.

Radar Operator: photoradio operator, call-box wirer, instrument maker.

Tank Mechanic: seamless tube inspector, installation mechanic, bulldozer operator.

Similarly, a partial list of Navy specialties and some of the civilian jobs to which they are related include:

Aviation Electrician's Mate: radio chassis assembler, telephone repairman, electrical appliance serviceman.

Chief Commissary Steward: kitchen supervisor, hotel manager, food and drug inspector.

Hospital Apprentice: hospital attendant, physical therapist, laboratory tester.

Seaman: marine oiler, house painter, sail finisher.

Shipfitter: welder, pipefitter, millwright.

Parachute Rigger: sewing machine operator, awning maker, tailor.

Torpedoman's Mate: solderer, lock maker, washing machine serviceman.

Yeoman: clerk typist, office manager, bookkeeping machine operator.

ON THE SPOT



WILBUR COVINGTON
Sergeant

If you should just happen to be wandering through the halls of Letterman's Administration Building some morning around 3 o'clock, chances are you'll hear a radio playing softly on the second floor. Investigate further, and you'll find Sgt. Wilbur Covington, Night C.Q., leading the quiet life on duty, reading a magazine or working the latest crossword puzzle in *The Chronicle*.

Sgt. Covington has held this night-to-morning duty, 1900 to 0700, since July. (He's been at LGH exactly a year this month.) He has not changed in that time, or noticed any owl characteristics creeping into his personality. Sleep is something he catches up on in the daytime and usually pounds the pillow from 0800 to 1500 while the rest of the personnel are hitting the peak of their work load.

This night deal interferes a good deal with Wilbur's social life but he prefers the assignment to a day-time job—he says it's less noisy and easier on the nerves. On his one night off, he occasionally goes out, but that isn't often enough to qualify him as a gadabout.

Wilbur has given up trying to identify meals as the customary breakfast, dinner, supper; he eats at 0730, 1600 and 2200 and hopes his stomach won't hate him for it.

His evenings are usually quiet in the C.Q. office. No emergencies are likely to arise, unless one of the ward men calls for an oxygen tent, and Wilbur knows exactly where he can get one in a few moments!

Covington's home is in Mt. Carmel, Utah, and he plans to go back there to work for the Standard Oil Co., when he gets out of the Army. Something tells us that company better put him on the night shift if they don't want him to get complexes from switching his nocturnal habits.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: T/Sgt. George L. Fleischer, S/Sgt. Charles E. Lertora, T/3rd Gr. Stanley J. Rigney, Sgts. Leslie E. Johnson, Edgar B. Whitney and Fred A. Masters, T/4th Gr. Gordon H. Smith, Tsutomu Takago, Maurice C. Couchot, Clarence H. Freedman, Ross W. McCarthey and Robert S. Ernst, Cpls. Miller Buchanan, Robert E. Vogel, Clarence D. Haley, Joseph J. Dal Cerro, Charles C. Early, Glen N. Davidson and Richard C. Rayner, T/5th Gr. James H. Perryman, George J. Wayland, Cody E. Eden, Morton Oppenheim, Richard G. Brough, Abe Factor and Joe A. Fernandez, Pvts. James F. Lewis, William Brun, Alfred W. Carlson, Clyde H. Frazier, Paul E. Riedel, Billy C. Brady, Joseph T. Conwell, Richard C. Flitsch and John J. McDonald.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

We wish to express for all the members of the Detachment a sincere thanks to the personnel of the Mess Department for the most enjoyable Christmas dinner.

Sgt. Elias Tamey now having enough cigars to last him for months to come.

S/Sgt. Edward C. Vicary handling thousands of dollars Christmas morning and thinking of how he could at least triple it at Bay Meadows.

Sgt. Beuford Folsom, a former member of the detachment, stopping by to say hello after returning from the ETO and on his way to Civilian life.

The gang at the Post Office wading knee deep in the Christmas mail for the last two weeks and living up to the Post Office motto of getting the mail through on time.

Good luck to Pvt. Everett G. Rasmussen who was the only member of the command who returned to "civvies" during the past week via the separation center.

Good to see Sgt. Hugh C. Ashley back on his feet again after spending the holidays as a patient on Ward D-2.

THERE ARE SMILES THAT MAKE US HAPPY—AND MARIE HAS 'EM ALL



Miss MARIE SCHADD
Supervisor of the Main Hospital Telephone Center and the young lady with a perennial smile.

You've heard of "The Voice", "The Beard" "The Nose", and "The Face"—now meet "The Smile",—Miss Marie Schadd, the lovely brunette in charge of the Telephone Center.

Marie has been putting those calls through here at LGH for a year and a half, and says it's the most interesting job she's ever had. She is almost a native daughter, incidentally, having come here to live from New York when she was five years old. The Telephone Company has been her only boss since she began working. Marie started out with them as a Dial Instructress, going from house to house like the proverbial Fuller Brush salesman, telling the tenants about the new way of getting their 'phone calls, via the dial.

A very conscientious girl, Marie has already earned a fabulous reputation for the speedy way she has for getting long distance calls in the fewest possible minutes. When the first group of liberated prison-

ers returned in March, the Telephone Company gave the girls in the Center special privileges, and this doubled the usual speed—the men and the Angels of Bataan were put in touch with their anxious relatives in a matter of seconds. Marie was so pleased to be able to help, and was therefore completely overwhelmed when she received flowers and candy from the liberated nurses, the day they left. "Imagine them, thanking me!" she says.

She is now being deluged with Christmas cards from patients all over the country, who vividly remember the pleasant gal who was really the first link in the chain reaching to their homes. Last week, she even got a long distance call from a former patient who is now at Halloran—he just wanted to say "Hello—how are you, and thanks again!" She has enough foreign currency to start a full-scale collection, plus an interesting array of coin bracelets.

Marie says it's uncanny how each

Mission Hi Gifts Totalled More Than 7000 in Three Years

Bringing with them a pledge of more than 1500 gifts for Christmas for the patients at Letterman, a committee of students from the Mission High School of San Francisco expressed regret that it would mark the end of their campaign to let our war wounded men know they were not forgotten by the home folks.

More than three years ago Mrs. Florence Millikin, of the school teaching staff, organized the program among the students for whom she acted as counsellor, and every month there were at least 100 gifts delivered to the hospital to be given to the patients. There was always a special effort at Christmastime and what the students brought to the hospital played a large part in making it a Merry Christmas for the men under treatment.

Mrs. Millikin and her students were responsible for a grand total of more than 7000 gift packages coming to Letterman during the three years and their contribution to the contentment of our patients is very much appreciated by the commanding General and the staff.

With the end of hostilities it was felt there was no longer any need of their program and the students sent a committee consisting of Misses Alice Sylvester, Evelyn Di Luzio, Leatrice Razzoli, Louisa Norman, and Patricia Stark with Mrs. Millikin to pay the final call here.

new group of men hit upon the same nickname for her—they always dub her "Blackie." Her greatest thrill was getting calls through for the RAMPs who had to use the big, wheel-chair booth, because she hated to keep them waiting too long and knew how much it meant for their morale!

In her extra minutes, Marie pursues her hobby of motion pictures, taking 16 millimeter reels in color like an expert. She loves music, naming Chopin as her favorite composer. Her real love is cooking, so if you want a terrific recipe for meatballs and spaghetti, Marie is the girl to see.

New York (CNS)—Abandoning the traditional sleigh, 15 deputy Santa Clauses each mounted a jeep and rode down Broadway, telling spectators along the way that the best gift this year is a Victory Bond.

WAC

The crinkle of tissue paper and gift wrappings echoed through the barracks this week as some girls opened boxes from home and others stood around waiting for the traditional box of homemade cookies or candy tucked in among the belaced lingerie, bottles of cologne and bedroom slippers.

Still others, whose boxes were presumably delayed by eastern snows and storm conditions, watched the mails with hawk eyes and a ready hand or two.

Mildred Stack was one of the most impatient of the waiters; her sister is sending her a pair of nylons from Cleveland. Jean Sheets was appreciatively sniffing a dozen red roses from her boy friend, stationed for the last year in Germany with the army air corps.

Most of the holiday gifted group opened their boxes shortly after mail call or at the first opportune moment; several, however, among them Irene Blake and Frances March, piled their presents in their wall lockers, saving them until Christmas morning when they unwrapped them one by one, pre-service fashion.

Volunteer guides for representatives of the American Legion who went through the wards Sunday distributing gifts were Evaline L. Blanco, Anna I. Christensen, Kathleen G. Coffin, Audrey E. Cunningham, Margaret J. Harris, Aurell R. Krueger, Sally T. Kwasniewski, Marilyn A. Mankey, Betha W. Mowery, Marjorie M. Pope, Anne A. Webber and Alta B. Zee.

Basketball players and their coach were saying this week that, though the Camp Stoneman game last Friday was a sad one, nobody can deny the LGH team fought tooth and nail . . . with Coach Norval Adams contributing the tooth.

Between game sessions one of Sgt. Adams' less stable teeth, perturbed by the excitement probably, dropped out, disappeared through a crack in the floor boards and lodged underneath. He got along without it during the game and afterwards enlisted the help of several girls to help him hunt it, though he was reluctant to tell them what they were hunting for.

After retrieving the tooth once and setting it back into position, he lost it several times later in the

OUR NEW PROVOST MARSHAL COMES CLOSE TO REALIZING BOYHOOD DREAM



Major LEMUEL R. WILLIAMS, MAC
Our new Provost Marshal and past master at handling crime waves.

Many years ago when he was a barefoot boy in the hill country of his native North Carolina Major Lemuel R. Williams got a thrill every time he saw a deputy sheriff and on the rare occasions when he came face to face with the sheriff it was something out of this world. Not that he was "agin the law" and hated "revenooers," but on the contrary he thought the sheriff outranked the President. Some day when he would be a man he too would be a sheriff, wear a ten gallon hat, and a brace of six-guns.

Back in 1912 he joined the army to start on a military career that endures up to the present time. He has been places and seen things, as have all the old timers in the Regu-

evening, giving the team a little more exercise to put them into shape for the next bout with Stoneman when, according to one player, "We plan to beat them."

lar Army, but it was not until his recent designation as the Provost Marshal of this command did Major Williams come even close to the realization of that boyhood ambition.

In his new job, it is true, he cannot wear a ten gallon hat or anything approximating it because the army long ago outlawed the old campaign hat. He cannot wear a brace of six-guns because the army has settled on the .45 as the small arm of the service. His men wear a star—and he could wear a star only that badge of office disappeared with one of his predecessors in office and they never got around to issuing a new one.

Under his comand he has nine soldiers and 27 civilian patrolmen and with that force he carries out all the duties usually the lot of the provost marshal in a post or station. At his office in the Administration Building he holds court for traffic violators and when he is sitting in

Collectors!!!

Undoubtedly the most interesting and fastest growing hobby among military personnel today is the collecting of military shoulder patches. Such a widespread interest was shown among the personnel in this section that they organized the Insignia Collectors Club. The club was organized in November 1943 with six members and now boasts a membership of 649 members in the United States and foreign countries, including England, China, Italy, Germany, France, New Guinea, Hawaii and the Aleutians.

A drive to increase the membership of the club is now being conducted by Sgt. L. C. Harpe, Jr., of Ashville, N. C., president and founder of the club. Sgt. Harpe's collection contains over 910 different patches including insignia of the present war and of divisions and other outfits that won fame in the first World War. Many foreign insignia are also included.

Anyone who has a collection of shoulder patches or who is interested in starting such a hobby should write to Sgt. Harpe at the Insignia Collectors Club, P. O. Box 721, Asheville, N. C., who will be happy to answer all questions concerning the hobby.

MORE ABOUT GENEROSITY

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Day. The unsung heroes of Christmas Week are the good people under Mr. Loomis at the "Y." They gave without stint of their time and asked only the personal satisfaction of doing a good job.

It was the biggest Christmas ever.

judgment on offenders there are times when his ordinary benevolent mien changes to something resembling a frown—but not often.

The major hopes to make certain changes in his office to have it more in keeping with his memory of the sheriff's office back in North Carolina. He would like to have a few more comfortable chairs—the kind with form fitting bottom—and then a man could really enjoy a tour of desk duty.

When Major Williams became provost marshal he announced that henceforth crime will not pay—And it won't.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Today we arrive at the half-way point between Xmas and New Year's Day. The personnel around the installation has recuperated completely from the general hilarity of the first holiday and has built themselves up again while they await the New Year all re-vitamins and brimming over with vitality. Several of the Branches held informal parties for their members and everywhere there was evidence of the good old Yuletide Spirit. Trees festooned with pop-corn and ingenious baubles appeared in every office and cards and gifts were being lavishly exchanged.

The Dental Branch had a gay gathering at which Major Lloyd Linehan officiated as Santa Claus. The whole thing was such a tremendous success that next year they intend to loan his services to one of the city's larger department stores.

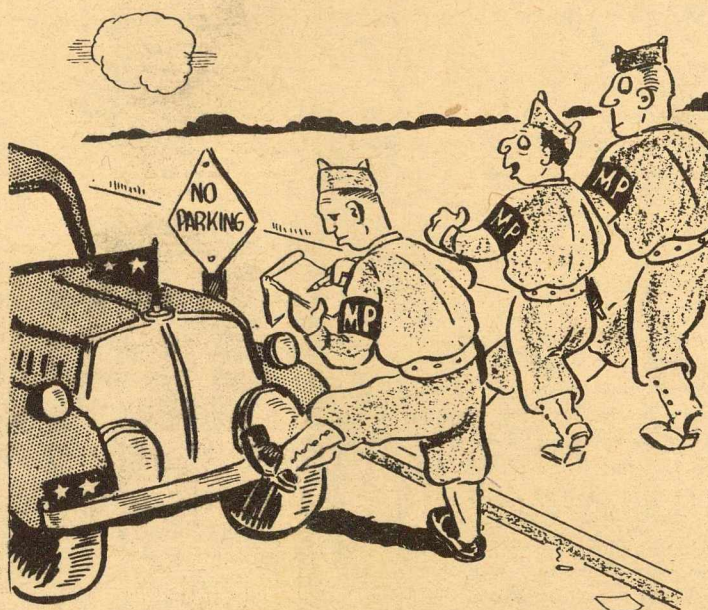
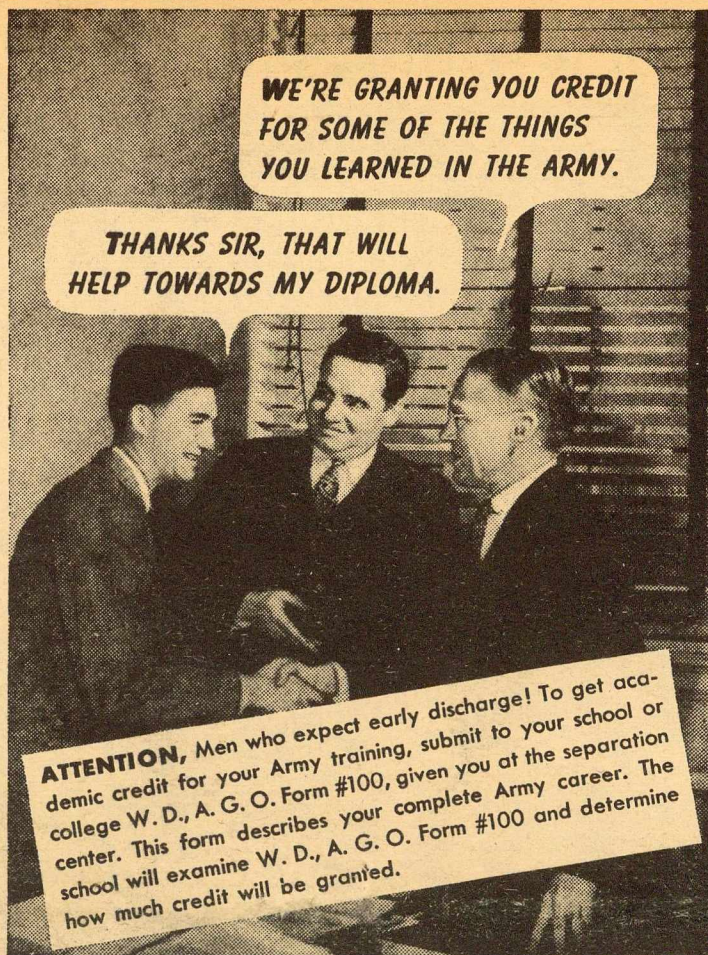
In the Outpatient Branch, congeniality and Good Will were extended with abandon and the mistletoe upheld its traditional duties most satisfactorily. The former S/Sgt John James arrived in his brand new civvies to join the merry throng.

Up on the third floor, Warren Conlin admirably portrayed the role of St. Nick and presented gifts to the staff of CPB. The committee on foods outdid itself for the sumptuous repast and served the goodies by candlelight. The gifts ranged from a bottle of Alka-Seltzer for Esther Brobler to a magic bubble-blower for Maggie Trumpour. A somewhat battered Clara McCready arrived in the midst of the festivities with a slightly crushed cake. They had both braved the battle of the bakery, but we relished it to the last crumb.

Musical merriment was featured in the Laundry celebration. They enjoyed Xmas Carols with their lunch and some of the more agile guests indulged in a polka or two. George Hansen was the recipient of a very untypical good-looking tie which he promptly donned.

Thus passeth Xmas! And we wish each and every one the Very Happiest of New Years!

Paris (CNS)—An anonymous letter to The Stars and Stripes complains that while many Europeans are "on the verge of starvation," the Army is serving him so much food that "I am getting too damn fat." He asks: "Why do they insist on fattening us up?"



"MIKE"
MIKOS

"He's new around here—Isn't he?"

MORE ABOUT PATIENTS

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it out to do a quick 90-102 miles an hour, just to see if it would go.

First Lt. Jeanne Gagnon, whose sister is head nurse on C-1, next door, is in charge of the 34-bed ward and assisting her are Lts. Julia M. McCarthy, Gladys I Compton, Jessie H. Fertado and Cadet Nurse Katherin O'Brien.

For 13 1-2 months Sgt. Dale Gates was ward mater on D-1; he left a week ago for a Crissy annex assignment and is succeeded by Cpl. James Manning.

Sgt. Gates isn't half so eager to talk about himself as he is to talk about the three Wacs on his former ward. "Be sure you say this," he directed. "I've had the best bunch of Wacs in the hospital; they would just as soon work as take a half-day off. They enjoy their surroundings."

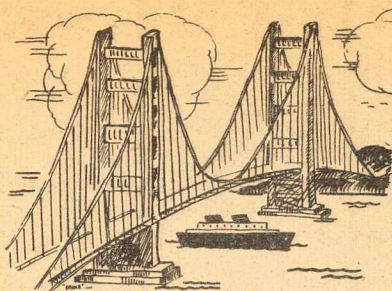
The girls echo his feelings. T/5 Ethel Anderson, who has been on D-1 since she got out of training here last July, says, "I like orthopedics and would rather be in this ward than any other I can think of." Also assigned there are T/5 Betty Letzing, who came after Cpl Anderson, and T/5 Geraldine Krebs, now on emergency furlough.

Working with new Wardmaster Manning are also Cpl. Edward R. Valerien and Pvt. Paul J. LoGrande and six students, Pvs. Aden Wicke, Edward Steenburg, Gordon Travis, Thomas Williams, Joseph Zver and Paul Wise. Night attendants are Pvs. Cary Donovan and Albert Vendouris.

10-Year Occupation Seen by McNarney

Frankfort, Germany (CNS)—Gen Joseph T. McNarney, who succeeded Gen Eisenhower as head of the U. S. forces in Europe, predicted that the occupation of Germany would last at least 10 years. During this period, he went on, the Germans would have time to establish a democratic government and perfect a self-sufficient economic program. Gen McNarney said he would adhere strictly to our denazification policy. "I have not forgotten who started the war," he declared. "The German people must realize that they are responsible, and that their debt has not been paid."

He favors bringing the families of occupation troops to Germany beginning next spring.



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LGH Awarded Plaque For Meritorious Service Last Year

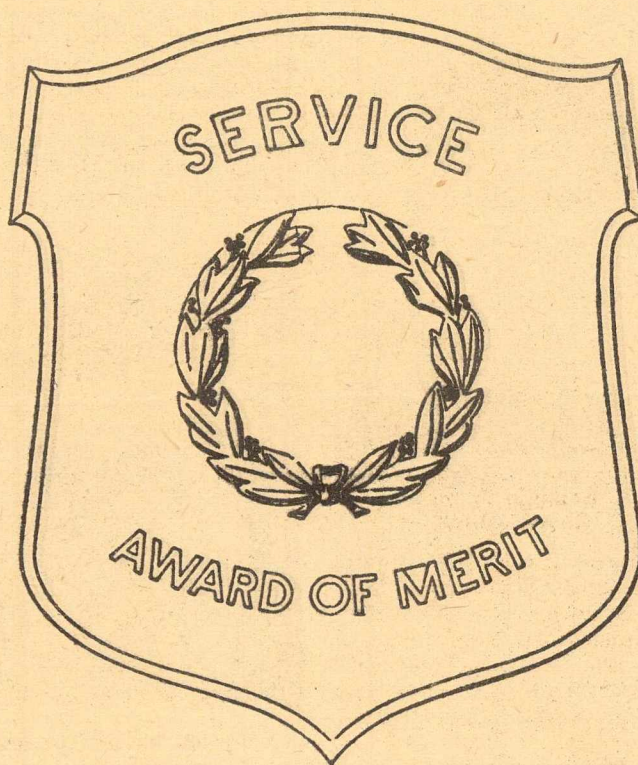
A recent general order from the headquarters of the Ninth Service Command awarding the plaque for Meritorious Service to Letterman General Hospital will explain the appearance on the right sleeve of the uniform of the insignia for individual wear of all personnel of the command.

The plaque was established by the War Department last summer as an award to service units for superior performance of duty, or outstanding devotion to duty, in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, and achievement of a high standard of discipline.

The personnel on the Letterman staff are pleased with this recognition from higher authority of the work accomplished here during the three years we acted as a debarkation hospital for the greater part of the casualties from the Pacific Theatre of Operations. Patients arrived by night and by day, by ship and by plane, by the hundreds, and on occasion by the thousands. No matter in what numbers our organization was prepared to receive the sick and wounded, process them, clothe them, pay them, and get them on the way to the interior in an average of less than five days.

In November of this year Letterman again assumed the status of a hospital for definitive treatment but retained a debarkation unit at the Crissy Annex. During the calendar year of 1945 at total of more than 73,000 patients passed through the Letterman Debarkation process. It meant complete team work on the part of officers and men and women of the command before we could report to the War Department "Mission accomplished."

The plaque is a dark mahogany



AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Plaque authorized for Letterman General Hospital and staff
for accomplishments in past year.

shield, 14 inches in height, upon which appear a green laurel wreath, the word "Service" above, and the words "Award of Merit" below in gold letters. The insignia to be worn by individuals is a sleeve device consisting of a two inch square of olive drab cloth on which appears a golden yellow wreath of one and five-eighths inches in diameter.

Dances

A series of informal dances has been scheduled to be held every Friday evening at 2000 at the Presidio Officers' Club. Commissioned officers, regardless of present station, assignment or branch of service, and guests are invited to attend.

Prospect for New Pay Scale is More Promising

The interdepartmental pay board submitted its pay report in final form to the department heads this week for review before submission to Congress by the January 3 deadline.

It is understood that the report recommends a straight percentage increase in base pay and allowances for all grades, commissioned and enlisted.

The Senate meanwhile passed and sent to the House the pay measure for civilian federal workers which has a direct bearing on the justification of pay increases for the services.

The civilian workers bill as passed by the Senate calls for an overall 11 per cent increase, using a formula which calls for 36 per cent increase on the first \$1,200, 18 per cent on salaries from \$1,200 to \$4,600, and 9 per cent on salaries above \$4,600 up to \$10,000.

Hazardous duty pay—flight, jump, submarine, etc.—probably will not be dealt with in the pay board's recommendations because of the lack of time permitted the board in its study.

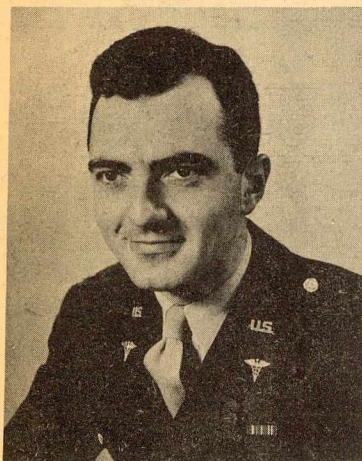
It is likely, however, that a continuing study of this question will be made with a view to later recommendations to Congress.

The board's report went initially to the military heads of the departments for study, after which it will be submitted to the Secretaries of War and Navy for submission to Congress.

Assuming that no changes are recommended in these quarters, the pay board has finished its work until hearings are started by congressional committees when the board will be called on to justify its recommendations.

Energy And Effortless Ease on E-1 - - The Envy of Everyone

E-1, the surgical orthopedic ward with a wardmaster whom patients endearingly call "The Wolf" and a Wac technician legally named "Easter Lillie" is temporary home for men with such diverse, pre-army careers as candy-making, sign-design-



**Capt. William Bloomer,
Ward Officer**

ing, diesel engineering and costume jewelry manufacturing.

It is also the temporary shop of Donald W. Artimez, Jr., who has made and sold more than 500 little yarn dogs, all breeds and colors, to Lettermanites since last November. Formerly it was a two-man business but Artimez's partner, George Bigelow, was recently discharged; he left with a civilian suit completely paid for with "dog" profits.

Former S/Sgt. Bernard C. Murney, who retired after 28 years' service and came back to work in LGH medical supply because he feels that "the secret of living is to keep busy" occupies the first bed in the ward; he has been hospitalized with a back injury since mid-December.

Also an old-timer in army ways is Pvt. John Condon who, in seven years' service, has been stationed in Europe and Honolulu as well as at the Presidio in the early '40's.

Exhibiting a sketch of Eisenhower, Cpl. Bernard Nemanic explained that he drew for his high school publication in Pittsburgh besides designing signs for businesses around town. He has detailed plans for a post-army college course in art; he hopes to spend a year apiece at four different schools and live and travel in a trailer he's now designing.

Pfc Edward C. Farhadian, who used to play a violin and still thinks of it as a satisfying hobby, has been in the states since Air Corps day, August 1, when he arrived by plane at Hamilton Field, opened to civilians that day for the first time. He recalls the thrill he got meeting his relatives at the field.

A merry-go-round proved disastrous for Pfc Warren J. Knieriem of Los Angeles who was hit by the pivot of the apparatus as he rode it in Italy; the falling pivot broke his leg. He plans to go back to costume-



**Lt. Romilda A. Forbes
Charge Nurse**

jewelry making in a factory operated by his father and brother and himself before the war.

According to his chum in the next bunk, Pfc Farhadian, Knieriem's hobby is "whistling at nurses" but Knieriem won't affirm or deny the charge.

Pfc James Martin comes from Dos Palos which he says means "two sticks in Spanish and that's about all it is." But he likes them evidently because he's planning to go back to his family ranch there.

Pfc Harold Gronseth, who used to play baseball in high school and now is restricted to playing it "in the sports columns" was wounded on Okinawa. He was graduated from high school in June 1944 and had a whirlwind army career in the following year and a half.

Lapidarian is the title Pfc Avon C. Atwood gives himself. Collecting, cutting and polishing semi-precious stones has been his chief hobby for years. Another interest is photo-

tinting which he varied by painting one portrait. "I read part of the time here in the hospital and, for the rest, I have a loom on one side of my bed and leatherwork on the other."

Pvt. Manuel Montez, wounded in combat in Germany last April, is another toy dog-maker. He has been at LGH since early December.

One of the pedestrians injured by a hit and run driver Christmas eve as he crossed a city street is Pfc John A. Melin, a 1972 SCU M.P. "According to witnesses we flew the height of a car up in the air and then sailed 40 feet," he said. John was in Panama for 11 months earlier in his four-year army career.

Six days before the German surrender S/Sgt. Ivan Leshner received four wounds in combat there. "I had two bullets in my back and one in my head but nothing bothers me

zation is over, he wants to go out and have a wild time but concedes that, since he's married, it won't be too wild.

Pfc Numa Richard was on his way back from Saipan, hale and hearty, when he fell down the steps of the ship and broke his leg. Now he's hoping for a transfer to a hospital in his home state, Louisiana.

Former candy-maker, Pvt. Gustav Franzen, of San Francisco dismisses the subject of his career with "I don't have much of a taste for it."

S/Sgt. Orton Bergren, who is Swedish and comes from Minnesota, was in the Pacific theater two years and had his leg broken twice, once overseas and once back in the states in the process of being X-rayed. He was on Luzon as was his ward-mate, Pfc Silverio Rivera, who used to be cook in a Portland hospital.

Pvt. Carl W. Cant, who gives his name with "potential civilian" attached to the last word, was overseas about three years before his return five months ago from Italy; his home is Los Angeles.

T/Sgt. Joseph F. Cerrato had got as close to discharge as the separation center at Camp Beale when he



**T/5th Gr. Frank Thomas
Wardmaster**

except the one in my foot."

Pfc Robert Sneddon of Berkeley was taking mechanical engineering at Polytechnic College of Engineering before he entered the army two and a half years ago; he wants to finish his course.

A month after Pvt Harvey Whitford, Bed 2, was out of high school he was in the army; 17 weeks later he was on his way overseas. He was wounded at Anzio and twice later in France.

A jeep overturning in Germany left Cpl. Chuck McCartney of San Francisco with bones broken in five places; when his long hospitali-



**T/5th Gr. Manda Hegelson
Surgical Technician**

was returned to the hospital to be treated for a spine ailment. A diesel mechanic in civilian life, he was one of 230 specialized diesel mechanics to be "lease-loaned" to the British Eighth Army for the North African campaign.

Also turned back from separation

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TOP FLIGHT "REGULARS" ON LGH STAFF AS 1946 OPENS



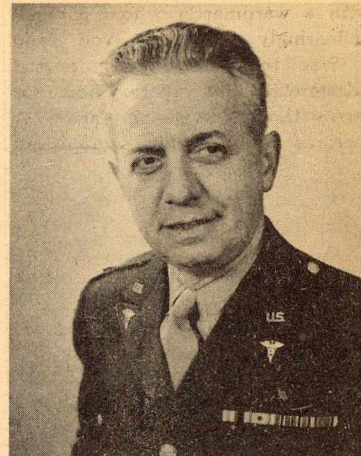
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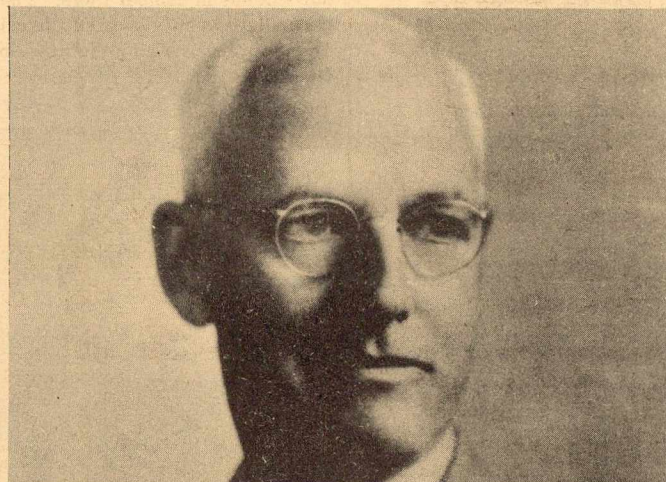
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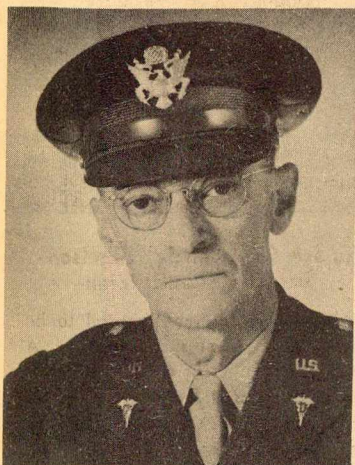
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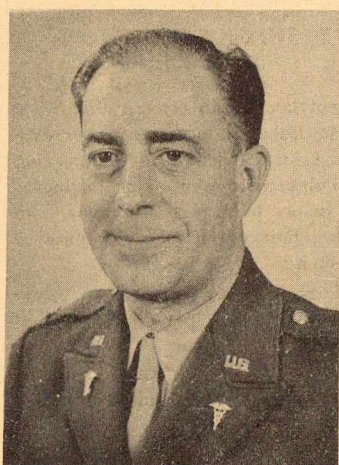
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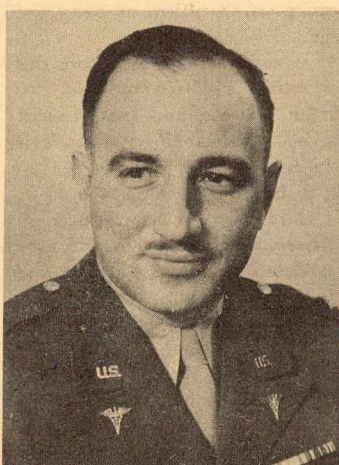
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EDITORIAL

PERMANENT PEACE

A recent book contains 30 essays dealing with 30 different problems facing the human race. When the reader finishes the book he's confused and discouraged. So much remains to be done that it all seems hopeless. Human beings are too dumb. They'll never make it. Yes, we live in a confused world and becoming downhearted now and again is only natural. But we can't give up. Our ancestors never did; that's why we've got this far. We have a right to agree that the human race is often stupid and blundering but progress has been made. Even the toughest problem of all—how to maintain peace permanently—may one day yield to intelligence. There are plenty of hints of the possible solution.

Take the everyday and successful idea of the union of states as worked out in the U.S.A. I say "worked out" advisedly because we had to fight a bloody civil war at one point. But the fact that we are one nation rather than a whole crazyquilt of rival national interests makes for peace on this continent. Why won't the same American idea of a union of states do the trick when finally applied to the whole world? It'll take a while to get used to the idea maybe, although the atomic bomb may scare us to get a push on. But isn't the answer to permanent peace a permanent union of



By Jeanne Riha

The holiday dance, which about 150 nurses and their escorts attended last Friday night in the rec hall, was being remembered this week as "a huge success." Music for the occasion was provided by Johnny Barsocchini and his Solid Six, an LGH orchestra.

Lt. Dorothy Kelly, who joined the Letterman staff several weeks ago from DeWitt General Hospital and was recently married, was looking forward this week to journeying to Camp Beale in the near future to be discharged.

Also on their way to civilian life are 2nd Lt. Vivian W. Kelly, whose assignment to Letterman about a year ago was her first post of duty; 2nd Lt. Edith Teade, who was here about 10 months before leaving for Camp Beale during the holidays; 2nd Lt. Roberta I. Isaacson, who was a member of the LGH staff since last fall and 1st Lt. Jo M. Rosendahl, formerly assigned to Dante.

Also going out of Letterman, as a transfer rather than a dischargée, was 1st Lt. Mildred E. Thörell, who went to Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Ky. Major Wilma York, formerly at Camp Beale, came to Letterman to be assigned to Ward 42, Crissey annex.

Back to duty after a holiday leave were 1st Lts. Rebecca D. Chamberlin and Helen B. Clark while 2nd Lt. Geraldine Thorne and 1st Lt. Ruth Dalton left on leaves that they expected to be none the less merry though they were too late to catch the full holiday season.

1st Lieut. Mary Burnett, former Lettermanite, will report to Crile General Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, on 10 January, and 1st Lieut. Frances Wagner heads back to Fort Sheridan to learn her destination.

Lake Zurich, Ill. (CNS) — Because he lost by only one vote in last year's election for village trustee, Arthur Froelich ran again this year. He lost again—by one vote.

all the peoples of the world, with power to make and enforce laws binding and protecting the individual citizen of every nation, large or small?

—Justice Owen J. Roberts.



Lieut. Frances V. Peterson moving back to the second floor of the Administration Building and promising to be a good neighbor.

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Capt. John Barr, long time Lettermanite and more recently at Torney General Hospital, pausing here to greet friends while en route to Crile General Hospital at Cleveland.

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Major Leslie D. Snyder admitting some New Year's resolutions but declining details.

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Capt. Herbert Rosenfeld leaving for New York via Camp Beale like the Arab in the poem who folded his tent and silently stole away.

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Our Principal Chief Nurse, Lieut. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, reporting for duty. And more about her next week.

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Staff Sergeant Pat Sullivan entertaining two Marines in the "Sanctum" and extolling the virtues of the army over the sea soldiers.

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Capt. Ernestine Stevenson still house hunting and wondering if any one knows of any place.

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Mr. William P. Kyne treating 100 patients to seats at the Shrine East-West Game, and Bill Poyner, Islam Potentate, adding admissions for four wheel chairs.

New Courses

Daily classes in languages, business and movie projectionism will be offered Letterman patients in courses scheduled, tentatively, to begin January 14, it has been announced by Information-Education branch. Classes will meet afternoons in the classrooms under Ward R; a definite time will be announced later.

Miss Frances Lilienthal, Stanford graduate, will teach languages, including Spanish, French and English. Instructors from the adult education program of the city will take over typing and shorthand classes. A one-week blitz course in motor projectionism, leading to a projectionist's license, is also planned, as well as training in reading facilitation.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 6, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

It's A Girl

At the home of Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Charles N. McKenna away back at Baldwin, New York, (132 Lenox Road) Patti Kathleen arrived at 0317 Christmas morning and weighed in at six pounds 14 ounces. Mrs. McKenna was assistant Director of Cadet Nurses at Letterman last year.

Anniversary

Mr. Harry Tabalow, well known tonsorial artist, is receiving double congratulations today on his 77th birthday and his 28th anniversary of reporting for duty at Letterman. Who said life begins at 40?

Back at Work

Major Sidney N. Tucker, long time Chief of the Communicable Diseases section here, and now once again Dr. Tucker, has opened offices in the Medical Arts Building, 2000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Camp Show Here

Happy Daze, a USO-camp show with a cast of theater and nightclub entertainers from coast to coast, will play to Letterman and Presidio audiences Wednesday and Thursday. First performance will be at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday at Crissy annex followed by a 7:15 p. m. show Thursday at the YMCA.

From January 7 through 12 Miss Polly Faris, artist recently returned from a USO tour of Italy will go through the wards sketching portraits of LGH patients. Miss Faris, who for two years was on the art jury of the National Association of Women Artists, has had her paintings exhibited at the National Academy of Design in shows of the Allied Artists of America.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BERNADEAN YARROLL
Technician 5th Grade

Bernadean Yarroll, the vimful and vivacious redhead on B-1, considers her four-station army career "settled" compared with the life that preceded it, just about a year ago.

Born in Colorado, she moved to Canada and was educated there in a convent school. After graduation Bernadean started on train, auto and plane travels that took her through every state in the union except Kentucky and Missouri.

She met an immense and amazing variety of people, learned to classify them by characteristics, and chose as her favorite city Salt Lake which she describes with enthusiasm as a place of "wide streets, friendliness and cleanliness, and only a few minutes' drive from the mountains" which offer her favored winter sports.

In interest Salt Lake City shares honors with Juarez, Mexico, which Bernadean visited while stationed in El Paso. She plans some day to visit Mexico City.

When she tired of traveling, Bernadean began a pre-med course at UCLA, later transferring to education and specializing in sociology, psychology and history. She is planning to complete her course when released from service and hopes to teach in a junior college.

Bernadean, who has crossed the United States four times, began her comparatively quiet army career "right after last Christmas" though memory of the exact date has dimmed. She took two months' surgical technician training at El Paso and a month at Fort Riley, Kansas, "the most beautiful place I've ever been; it was like a forest and you could get lost just walking off the road."

Good Chance for Vets In Five Varied Fields

By Camp Newspaper Service

Part of a Series on Post-War Jobs

A number of professions and businesses, while not affording mass employment, offer vets opportunities for congenial, remunerative, and generally satisfactory careers. In some cases, servicemen received training in these lines of endeavor while members of the armed forces, and will wish to make use of this schooling.

Advertising is a field which looks forward to considerable post-war expansion. New products are being and will be put on the market and heralded by the copywriter. During the war advertising was cut because of the curtailment of the manufacture of many types of consumer goods and because of limited paper stocks.

Now the lid is off. In New York, the center of the field, vacancies in many firms exist and are now being filled. Several hundred vets were placed by the Veterans Guidance Committee, Advertising Club of New York, 23 Park Ave, which provides a service for that purpose and gives a 6-lecture course in advertising and selling. The committee takes especial pains in priming a man to sell himself when he applies for a job.

Among the jobs in the field: account executive, advertising manager, advertising sales, copywriter, artist, designer, display, layout, production, public relations, and research. Aside from New York, advertising agencies are to be found throughout the land, and it is a pretty lucrative line.

Jobs in Physiotherapy

Physiotherapy is another growing field, and, says the American Physiotherapy Assn, 1790 Broadway, New York, there will be a considerable need for therapists "even after the nation returns to a peacetime status." And, of course, many vets will require their care, both through the Veterans Administration and private agencies. Tens of thousands of wounded are returning monthly, and, in addition, 1,500,000 civilians suffered industrial accidents and 19,000 were stricken with infantile in 1944. Half the trained therapists are in the service, which leaves a big opportunity for those interested.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 120 Broadway, New York 5, last year allocated \$1,250,000 to train 1000 therapists; information on scholarships is also available through the Physiotherapy Association. Two years of college, with 12 science credits, including biology, or the equivalent, is required. There are 28 approved schools in the field.

Pay runs from \$1500 to \$4000.

The profession might prove attractive to medical Wacs.

How About A Laundry?

The laundry industry employed 250,000 persons prior to the war, and, according to C. H. Lanham of the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Ill., the postwar figure will be about 275,000. It is the largest among service industries, Lanham reports.

Before the war, according to the Institute, laundries were handling but 20% of the potential sales volume. The business is affected by seasonal factors, but is considered fairly stable. Opportunities, as described by the Institute, range from owners and managers to washmen and seamstresses.

Other Opportunities

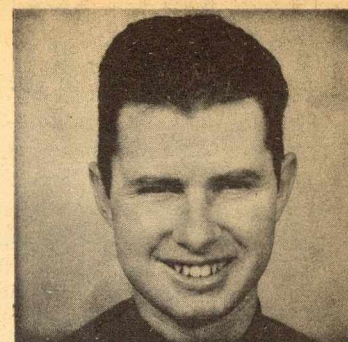
Public Health is another expanding field. Briefly, it is concerned with the prevention of illness. A survey by the American Public Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, shows a substantial post-war need for public health nurses, health officers, engineers, clinicians, veterinarians, dentists, dental hygienists, health educators, and clerical help. Some 12,000 nurses alone are needed. There are full-time and part-time jobs.

Many of the available positions are in the civil service, details of which are available from the state health officer of the state concerned. Information on the post-war training and recruitment of public health workers is available from Dr. George T. Palmer, U.S. Public Health Service, Bethesda Station, Washington 14, D. C. The American Public Health Association has published leaflets giving qualifications for various positions in the field.

Florist shops were found after World War I to be suitable for what were then called shell shocked vets. Many who drifted into this line were later able to return to their former trades. The Society of American Florists, 600 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, says that no previous experience is necessary, though it recommends that a man who wishes to own his own shop should first get a year or more of practical experience working for someone else.

It is possible, the society thinks, to start a small neighborhood shop for \$2000, but the big difficulty right now would be in getting a florist's refrigerator, which run about \$1000, and which have not been manufactured lately. Vets with disabilities qualify for many tasks in the trade. The industry employs truck drivers, salesmen, mechanics, firemen, plumbing and heating experts, cultivators, and those who prepare flowers for retail sales. There are no seasonal layoffs.

ON THE SPOT



ROBERT LAMAYSOU
Staff Sergeant

In his 40 months of military service Staff Sergeant Robert Lamaysou has had an army career that can aptly be called "well rounded." The sergeant started out his career by interviewing the inductees at Monterey and he is finishing it up by interviewing men on their way back to civilian life.

The sergeant's first assignment was unique in that it was combined with basic training, with drill and PT and other morsels of army life squeezed in between interview sessions.

"They were so short of personnel in induction centers they sent me down two days after I got in," he explained. Having a job and basic at the same time wasn't too pleasant but "I lived through it" grinned the sergeant.

In between the early days at Monterey and his present job at Letterman in the separation center, Sergeant Lamaysou did personnel work for 33 months at Tracy, Calif.

Before he came into service Sgt. Lamaysou was administrative assistant for the division engineer in the war department at San Francisco. He is planning to go back to that work when he gets out of service which he expects, and hopes, will be by February.

Sgt. Lamaysou's father was an accomplished horseman; besides riding, he broke and trained horses. He saw to it that his son began riding when he was eight and he has been riding ever since.

"I managed to stay on the first day and I kept going from there."

He has his own horse and, since being stationed in the city, has managed to go riding every week-end. And some day, Sgt. Lamaysou added, he would like to raise horses.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgts. Joseph G. Murray and Frank Malone Jr., Sgt. Robert L. Souza, T/4th Gr. Albert E. Hopkins, Sidney H. Thorne and Harry L. Haberman, Cpl. Miller Buchanan, Pvts. Gordon T. Lissner, J. H. Meals and William A. Cook.

The following are the "Lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points or length of service to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to separation centers during the past week: Cpls. Max J. Ruderian and Otto W. Gauger, Pvt. John Sklarski.

Furloughs are still the order of the day and the following men took off for a visit at home during the past week: Pfc. James C. Fletcher, with 30 days; Sgt. Arthur A. Stockman, with 19 days; Sgt. Julius Robbins, with 17 days; S/Sgt. Herman J. Gai, with 19 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Urban J. Louis and T/4th Gr. Kenneth Dickens of the Finance Office spending the New Year Holidays as patients.

Sgt. Scott G. Ross back on duty after a visit to his home in Oklahoma.

Sgt. Harry Arguss getting a supply of cigars in as he says for a rainy day.

Sgt. Peter J. Ricca looking like a new man now that his hair is growing out again.

Sgt. Rene C. Iacomini using a new technique in his pool playing—he keeps his pipe in his mouth when he shoots so the smoke will camouflage the table.

A letter from the former Cpl. Benjamin Weitz, now "Mister", reveals that he has found more than one tree in Brooklyn—he found "three".

T/Sgt. Vaughn Yoemans having a tough time trying to find some one to play billiards with as he is now the only good player left.

THE NAVY MUST BE SLIPPING— SO WE DRAW A BEAUTEOUS BLONDE



Miss ELEANOR BROLINE
Recent addition to the Recreation Staff of the Red Cross

After spending more than 14 months as a Red Cross recreation worker for the navy before joining the army at LGH, blonde Eleanor Broline is finding it a little difficult to avoid bluejacket expressions in her conversations with Letterman soldiers.

"I catch myself saying something about 'swabbing the deck' or 'somebody came aboard today' " smiled Miss Broline who arrived here last week to become part of the Red Cross staff and admitted that her first days on the Presidio grounds were passed in a state of confusion.

The Red Cross worker's 14-month assignment with the navy was at a hospital at Farragut naval training station; she went there after four weeks' training, beginning in September 1944, at Washington, D. C.

Off duty Miss Broline's recreational interests run towards bowling, badminton and swimming; she is

eagerly anticipating her first dip in the new LGH pool.

Another of her interests is music, especially singing of which she did a great deal as a student at Fresno State College. "I'm very rusty at it at this stage of the game though," she remarked, "or else I just don't take time."

Following graduation, Miss Broline taught music and the social sciences for three years at junior high school in Pasadena, her home. She hasn't decided yet, she says, how teaching as a career ranks with Red Cross work; all she knows is that she likes them both.

Living in California, Miss Broline has visited San Francisco previously and is well acquainted here; she was also well acquainted with the fact of housing shortage but was spared the weeks of house-hunting, the plight of most new city residents, because "very fortunately, I have relatives here."

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Wacs greeted a resolutionless New Year this week, except for a few girls here and there who promised themselves a lone-wolf existence in the future as far as organizations are concerned; "I won't even join a bridge club," one asserted.

Another briefly summed up her view of the resolution-making tradition with, "I always break them anyway so why should I make them?" Still another said, with contentment, "People usually resolve to stop drinking and smoking. I don't do either. I can't think of anything bad I do that I can stop."

For Willa Mathews the new year brought with it marriage. Monday night, New Year's eve, she was married to Marine Claude Hoffman in a ceremony in the hospital chapel. Being wed to a marine brought the three branches of the service into her family circle, Willa said. Her brother is a navy man, she an army girl and her husband a Leatherneck.

All week additions to the detachment were dribbling in from California, Washington and Fort Des Moines, holding joyous impromptu reunions with earlier transferees, and getting tips on the best places to go in San Francisco.

Newly arrived are T/3 Ione Currier, T/4's Rosemary Chaeney and Ann L. Mackey and T/5's Rebecca Monroy and Nell Hurd from DeWitt hospital; T/4's Mary Hart and Eleanor Horning from Des Moines and T/5 Melda Shoemaker and Pvt. Irene Murphy from Barnes General Hospital.

High pointers looking forward to early discharges are 1st Sgt. Eudora Lombardi, T/3's Hazel Robinson, Agnes Zouhar and Zane Smith and T/5 Helen Pacifico.



CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

That loud noise you've been hearing throughout the installation all week is the rustle of the new leaves being turned over by the personnel at LGH. Starting the New Year off with their customary verve, the Laundry has resolved, en masse, to eliminate all absenteeism and tardiness. Mrs. Frances Parry is our source for this bit of info, a splendid resolution, indeed. A former Laundry employee was welcomed back this week, after returning from service with the armed forces in the South Pacific. He is Louis Nogue and we're happy to have him for a member of the civilian contingent.

Helen F. Jones from Hammond Hospital is our attractive new librarian. While taking the book truck through the wards, she bumped into several patients whom she had known there and was greeted most enthusiastically.

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Adria Altenruther from the Nurse's Quarters. Adria was the unfortunate victim of a traffic accident during the holidays and is recuperating at the S. F. County Hospital. She extends a warm invitation to her friends here to visit her at any time.

We spied Zella Counts going to instruct the patients in hand crafts. She was half a block away, but even on a foggy day, the O.Ts. can be seen from a distance in their new red sweaters which are now part of the uniform. They're a very chic group and our only recommendation is that Champion Nixon and Llewellyn Randall should also be attired thus.

Millie Ross, just back from an extended vacation in Okla., has the upper hand in the Mess Office for a while at least and is thoroughly enjoying the whole thing. After taking a terrific ribbing from Major Clayton and T/Sgt Jack La Velle regarding the merits of her Alma Mater in the south, she's now able to retaliate. The Moraga fans are on the receiving end of her well chosen barbs.

Chicago (CNS)—Thomas McLaughlin walked into a soda fountain and ordered a double chocolate sundae. When the girl fountain clerk served it without whipped cream he became so infuriated, he knocked her down and kicked her. Now he's eating beans—in the lockup.

"RIP" WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS SLEEP BUT "VAN" MAKES NO SUCH CLAIM



Mr. EDGAR VAN WINKLE
Manager of Post Exchange Clothing Store

It might be supposed that a man with the name of Edgar Van Winkle would be a "natural" for the nickname of "Rip" but instead he comes up with "Van" to all his friends. A brief acquaintance with his habits and manner of doing business will explain all that. Rip Van Winkle made his reputation as a long distance sleeper but "Van" Van Winkle is about the most wide awake man you will meet in a century.

"Van" is the manager of the clothing store of the Letterman Post Exchange and he has been with us in that capacity for the past three years. He brought to the job eleven years of merchandising experience with H. C. Capwell Company, the big store on the other side of the bay, and anyone who stays so long with that organization must know his business.

For the past few years clothing has been a critical item all over the country and the local demand among our patients has been tremendous. Dealing as we do with patients returning from the Pacific theatre of operations meant that every man

needed something new in the way of personal habiliment and needed it badly. The enlisted men were cared for by the quartermaster but the officers had no where to turn but to "Van" and his staff.

If you have ever been down to the clothing store the day after a shipload of patients came in you would get the picture of how well "Van" was able to keep stocked up to meet this demand. It is probably a trade secret but "Van" was a magician who could find items where none seemed to exist. No one ever asked him how he did it all; people were simply satisfied with his achievement.

"Van" is a native of Sioux City, Iowa, but has lived most of his life in the west. He is a veteran of World War I and is still married to his school day sweetheart after 23 years. In appearance he seems to be too youthful to have a 21 year old daughter but we believe him as a result of his reputation for veracity.

When "Van" says it is "good goods"—it is.



To CWO and Mrs. William Heber Passey, a daughter, Patricia Diane, weight 4 pounds and 14 ounces, born 17 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert I. Golden, a son, Ronald Ivan, weight 5 pounds and 12 ounces, born 18 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Eril Bertelson, a daughter, Marjorie Kristan, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 18 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James K. Moore, a son, James Kingsley, Jr., weight 5 pounds and 11 ounces, born 19 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles E. Sayers, a daughter, Pamela Ann, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 21 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James Sirotti, a daughter, Kathryn Lyn, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 23 December.

To Major and Mrs. Stanley V. Rush, a daughter, Dianne, weight 8 pounds and 5 ounces, born 23 December.

To WO and Mrs. Henry W. McLaughlin, a son, Michael William, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 23 December.



Gas Stations Popular As Post-War Business

Albany, N. Y. (CNS)—Gas stations and small retail stores top the list of small businesses which GIs wish to open in New York State, the State Commerce Department announced. Inquiries about opportunities in these fields lead all others, it was said.

MORE ABOUT ENERGY AND EASE

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center at LGH to hospital was M/Sgt. Joe Clavin, formerly with Western Defense Command, who is recuperating from an ankle operation.

Next to him is Pfc Mervin Cobern, stationed at Merced, who "used to have a hobby, motorcycling, but quit it about the end of November" when he had a head-on collision with another motorcycle. "The other two are downstairs."

Since number 13 is generally considered unlucky and his fortunes usually run in opposition, Pfc Edward Mayer, who has Bed 13 as the result of a car wreck, says, "It should be lucky for me."

Ward master for E-1 is Captain William Bloomer whose experiences have been about as varied as some of his patients'. He was on his way from France directly to the Pacific, and had progressed half way between Marseilles and Panama, when V-J day was announced. The captain was sent to Camp Beale redistribution station and assigned in October to Letterman.

In spite of the need for long bed confinements for most of the men on E-1 and in spite of frequent operations, Capt. Bloomer says, "The men seem to have mighty fine morale and seem to take their operations matter of factly."

Second Lt. Romilda Forbes, chief nurse, was at Barnes before coming here nine months ago; she is a relative new comer to the army, commissioned last March. Also on the ward are Lts. Mary Steinkrauss, Pauline Guerrettaz, Eva M. Gress, Virginia L. Warren, Edna P. Sexton and Miss Rosemary Murphy, cadet nurse.

T/5 Frank Thomas, wardmaster nicknamed "Wolf" by patients, has been on E-1 since November and in the army three years. Working under his direction are Pvts. Charles Rogers and Billy Bray.

Wacs on the ward are T/5's Manda Helgeson and Easter Lillie Cook, called Cookie. Cookie was born on Easter Sunday and named accordingly; patients learned her name at Christmas time when pamphlets of command members were distributed and she took a lot of ribbing, she says. Students on E-1 are Pvts. Roy Jones, John Ketola, Sidney Jarvis and Jewson James.

YOU MUST HAVE LEARNED A LOT IN THE ARMY, JIM.

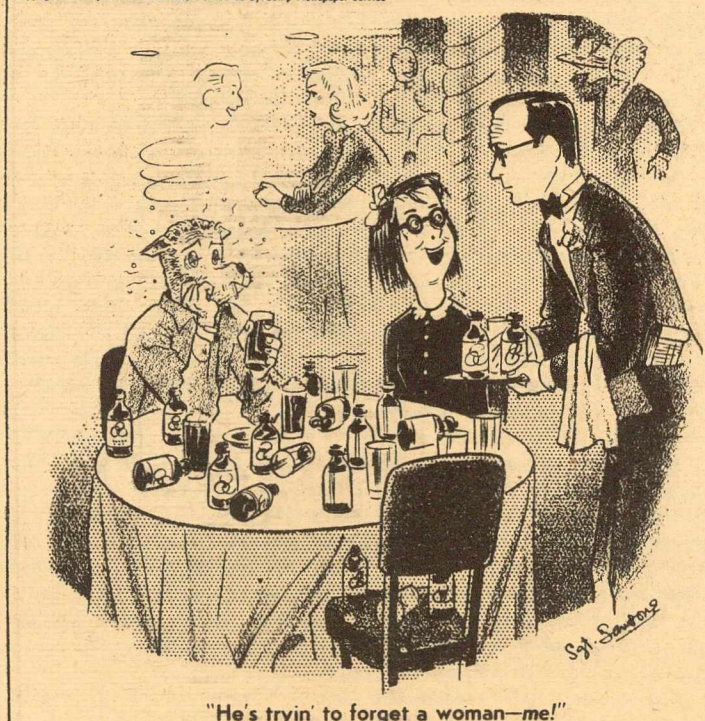
I DID, JOAN, AND THE SCHOOL HAS GIVEN ME CREDIT FOR IT. WHEN I CAME BACK I SHOWED THEM W. D., A. G. O. FORM #100, A RECORD OF MY TRAINING. FROM THIS, THEY DECIDED HOW MUCH CREDIT TO GIVE ME.

ATTENTION, Men who expect early discharge! To get academic credit for your Army training, submit to your school or college W.D., A.G.O. Form #100, given you at the separation center. This form describes your complete Army career. The school will examine W.D., A.G.O. Form #100 and determine how much credit will be granted.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"He's tryin' to forget a woman—me!"

Wright Won't Rebuild His Hotel in Tokyo

Chicago (CNS)—Frank Lloyd Wright, famed American architect who built Tokyo's earthquake repellant Imperial Hotel, received this telegram from the Jap baron who runs it:

"Hotel still stands as monument to your genius. Please come back and rebuild a damaged wing."

Replied Wright: "Let them rebuild it themselves."

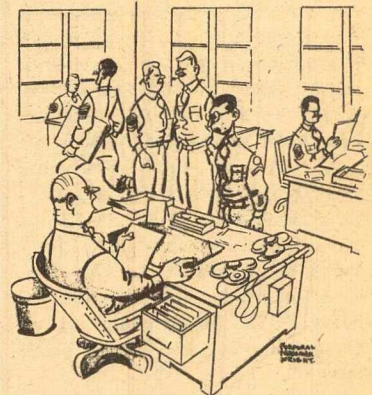
He Doesn't Want It To Happen Again

Hanau, Germany (CNS)—For 8 months, Henry A. Pate thought he was a sergeant, and so did Finance, which paid him accordingly. His promotion order, however, had been rescinded 4 days after it was published, but nobody in the 45th Air Depot Group found out about it until recently. When the brass discovered the error, Henry had to get it up, and so for 3 months, he drew a blank when the eagle screamed. His buddies chipped in and made up his pay.

When Pate was promoted to sergeant again last week, he asked his CO for a written statement that the order had not been rescinded, and requested his CO to underwrite all financial risks.

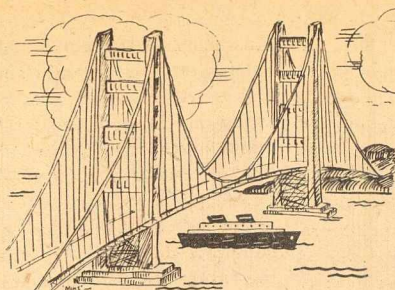
Hero Re-enlists

Brooklyn (CNS)—Sgt Irving Strobing, 25, who radioed the last message from Corregidor before it fell, declared that he is re-enlisting, if his mother would permit it. Said Mrs Strobing: "If that's what my son wants, it's what I want too."



"It has been called to my attention that you are eligible for a discharge. What have you to say for yourself?"

Hempstead, L. I. (CNS)—The Kiwanis club took a sixth grade reading test and the only member to score 100 was a newspaper man.



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Lt. Col. Schneider Reports for Duty As Chief Nurse

Lieut. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, Army Nurse Corps, has reported for duty as the Principal Chief Nurse for Letterman General Hospital.

Col. Schneider is a native of Covington, Kentucky, and took her professional training at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, before coming into the Army in 1918 at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and later served for 10 months in France. On returning to the United States she was assigned to the Army General Hospital at Oteen, North Carolina, and released from active duty in October, 1918.

Two months later, Col. Schneider was appointed to the Regular Army, and ordered to Camp Pike, Arkansas, where she remained until that camp closed in November, 1921. Her next station was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she stayed for three years before moving out to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver for a six year tour of duty. This was followed by five years at Fort Benning and indicates that when Colonel Schneider gets to a new station she really settles down for a long spell.

In 1935 the colonel went to the Philippines for station at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila and remained for two years. The next three years were spent on the Pacific Coast with tours at Fort Ord, Vancouver Barracks, and Fort Lewis. Then in 1940 to Fort Warren where she stayed put until January, 1942. Her next assignment was to the 204th General Hospital and with that unit she went overseas to the Hawaiian Islands in February of the same year. In January, 1943 Col. Schneider was named Director of Nurses for the



Lt. Col. ELSIE E. SCHNEIDER, ANC
New Principal Chief Nurse who comes to Letterman from the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

Central Pacific Base Command and a year later moved up to Director for the Mid Pacific Command.

In coming to Letterman Col. Schneider succeeds to a long line of women who have made history for the Army Nurse Corps in the direction of the nursing staff at this hospital, and with the wealth of experience she has acquired in her extensive career we are assured that

the traditional high standards prevalent here will be maintained for the future years.

Major Ruth Wagner, who has been acting Principal Chief Nurse since the departure of Major Josephine Motl in September, has requested release from active duty and is expected to leave for the separation center at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in the immediate future.

New Law Makes Army Career Attractive for Medics

The advantages of an Army career for doctors and other officers who are appointed members of the Medical Department under the new law authorizing additional officers for the Regular Army were stressed today in a statement by Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army.

Under the terms of this recently enacted law, doctors who apply for appointment and meet the requirements will be given commissions in the grades of First Lieutenant, Captain and Major.

The Army expects to attract a competent staff of doctors who will maintain the high standards which have prevailed during the war in the care of the sick and wounded because there are definite advantages for the professional man who elects to serve in the Army, according to General Kirk.

A professional career offering broader possibilities in a larger field than the practice of the average civilian doctor affords is open to the Regular Army Medical Corps Officers, General Kirk pointed out. The policy of The Surgeon General of making all general hospital centers for certain types of cases and specialty training gives the doctors in those centers exceptionally wide and varied experience.

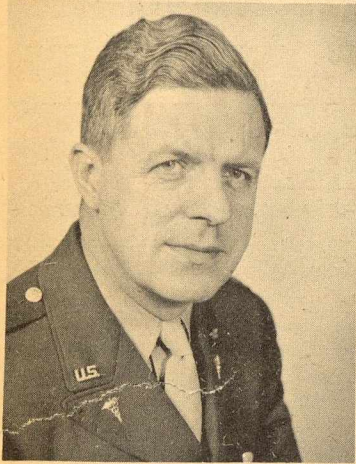
The Army has been and is now conducting residency-type training which will allow and encourage doctors to advance in their professional qualifications. Opportunities for administrative and field training will also be continued.

It is the policy of The Surgeon
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THE FINE FOLKS ARE FRIENDLY ON F-1 - - NO FOOLIN'

Ward F-1, whose predominance of ambulatory patients beat a quick retreat to PX and grill during the day and are as hard to find as the slimmest brand of needle in an Iowa - sized haystack, is a ward of card-sharks, jig-saw puzzlers and an occasional loom weaver.

Capt. Moses Holdsworth is in



**Capt.
MOSES HOLDSWORTH, MC
Ward Officer**

charge of the G.U. ward; his assistant is 1st Lt. L. C. Lundsten. First Lt. Letha Albrecht is chief nurse, known on duty as Lt. McHale, her name until several weeks ago when she married an army officer who had been interned with her in the Philippines.

Second Lt. Loretta Johnson was transferred Tuesday from Crissy annex to F-1 as assistant nurse.

Wardmaster Pvt. Leo Pouliot, being discharged from the army this week, has held his present job three months; he came here from Fort Lewis, Wash., and plans to go home to Massachusetts after discharge.

Wacs on F-1 are T/5 Dorothy Bennett, assigned there 10 months, longest time of any of the girls; T/5 Ethel Wasson and T/5 Fernie Ziesmer.

Former school teacher, Pfc Raymond Martin, is from Philadelphia to which the army was thoughtfully going to return him for hospitalization; he preferred, however, to stay on the west coast near his girl friend, who lives in Los Angeles; the army concurred, particularly because

there wasn't east-bound train service available.

In coming to LGH the last day of last year, Cpl. Theodore Makiney was assigned closest to his Sacramento home since basic training days in Fresno three years ago. Cpl Makiney was a wholesale hardware clerk in pre-army days but he hasn't yet begun considering "what-next" after the army. "Now I've got one job, trying to get well."

When he was in the Aleutians and in Alaska, Sgt. Clifford L. Leetham became so interested in the Eskimos and various cultural groups that he wants to go back to school to study anthropology. His interest in Alaska however, is limited; he isn't much



**Pvt. LEO POULIOT
Wardmaster**

enthused about the country's climate and adds, "The only other thing that would intrigue me is that you can make a lot of money there."

"Go west young man" they were advising when Cpl. Wesley Tudsbury was growing up, and he did. From Massachusetts he moved with his parents to Newcastle, Calif. When he got into service, he went back again to the east. "I was in the air corps and I saw quite a bit of it from the air." Now, deciding to attend college in eastern United States, he explains, "I'd like to see it from the ground for a change."

When 1st Sgt. Earl F. Clark got home from the Philippines and was sent to Camp Haan, 10 miles from his Riverside home, he thought it was uncommon good luck; it was. After a week he was transferred

here, though only temporarily. When out, Sgt. Clark plans to go back to the dry cleaning business he operated with his brother.

Since he was 12, Cornelius Morales has been riding horses and has been thrown many times in the process "but not hurt" he says. His own horse, which he is looking forward to riding at home in Fillmore, Calif., while on furlough, was named "Fox" by his father, who was impressed by the slyness of the animal when a colt. He was in England and Europe, returning last June.

Pvt. Arthur C. Gilman, who has 11 months' service and is considered by everyone but himself a newcomer in the army, has enough hobbies to keep him busy anywhere and for almost any time. Before entering the army, he was familiar through practice with all the processes of photography; he is also interested in model-building, especially aricraft, and built many a miniature plane craft for the government in high school.

Puerto Rican Pfc Ben O. Encar-



**T/5 DOROTHY BENNETT
Surgical Technician**

nacion, who spends part of his days reading an English-Spanish translation book and the rest playing cards, finds a big difference in languages but otherwise thinks the two countries are quite similar. "The food's the same, the women are alike," he adds. Wardmaster Leo Pouliot feels that he understands cards amazingly well: "He's the card shark of the ward and he's beat me plenty of times."

Sgt. Durward Miller, who's been in the army four years, was up for separation when he was hospitalized; he has been a patient four months and is eager to get back to his job of management in the lumber-brokerage business, Portland, Ore.

The occupant of Bed No. 8 is T/4 G. I. Edwards, who is a little weary of being kidded about his popularized name. He has been in the army three years and seven months, and during that time has traveled around the Pacific area exclusively—Hawaii, Okinawa and Japan. Before joining Uncle Sam's forces, G. I. was a Diesel mechanic, and plans to go back to that work when he leaves LGH.

Corporal Quentin Bartlett arrived at Letterman two weeks ago from Fairbanks, Alaska, by way of Tacoma, Washington. Before his tour of duty at Fairbanks, he was stationed at Golena, also in that Northern country. Quentin has hopes of getting himself a farm sometime, but at the moment, he hasn't decided where he'd like to have it—maybe in Derry, New Mexico, his home town.

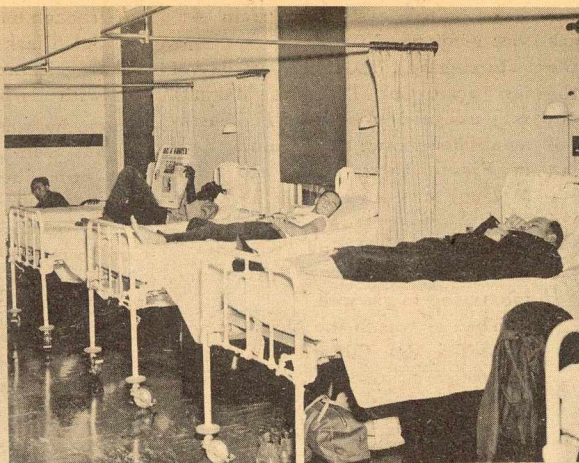
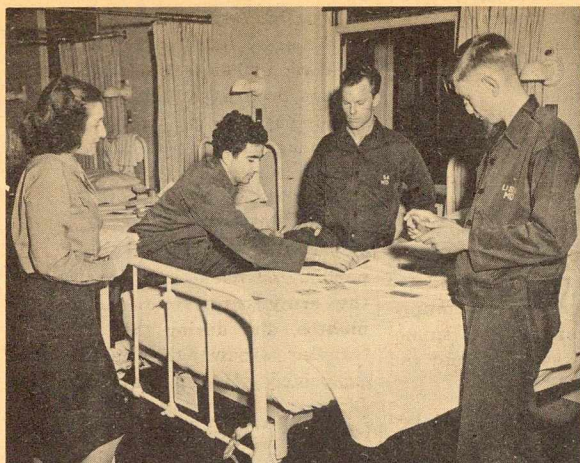
There's a bright shiny trumpet stacked away next to the bed of Pfc Cardel Jones, and he's yearning for the day when he can get back to work with an outfit again. Cardel has been in the Army since May, 1942, but before that he tooted that horn with such well-known combos as Boots and his Buddies, in Texas, Duke Ellington's band, and the famed Ringling Brothers musical aggregation. Know any place he can do some practicing?

T/4 Edwin Young of San Francisco came here about two weeks ago, from Shanghai. Altogether, he spent about 16 months in China with the 1545 Ordnance Group, after two years of Army service in this country. When he leaves he plans to go back to school, maybe University of Southern California.

Now that you have met them all don't you agree they are a friendly group?

King of the Souvenir Hunters
Kyoto, Japan (CNS)—Sgt Ernest B. Schnell is the champion souvenir hunter in Japan—in fact, that's his military job. He buys souvenirs for sale in PXs of the 6th Army, and has procured \$33,000 worth so far. He worked for a Swiss importing firm in a similar capacity before the war.

Our Last Surviving Cameraman Caught These on F-1

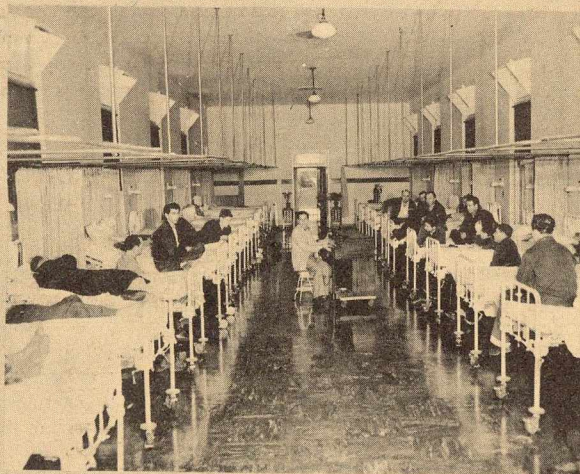


THE QUIET HOUR

When one may hit the sack. Just sitting—T-4 Edwin Young; reading—Pfc. Cardel Jones; and sleeping—Pfc. William Nicholson and Cpl. Quentin R. Bartlett.

KIBITZERS

Are always a help in "Rummy." Sgt. Jeanne Riha is watching the play made by Pvt. Anthony Ferrante while the other kibitzer—Sgt. Wayne Hanson waits for Pvt. Arthur C. Gilman to "top" it.

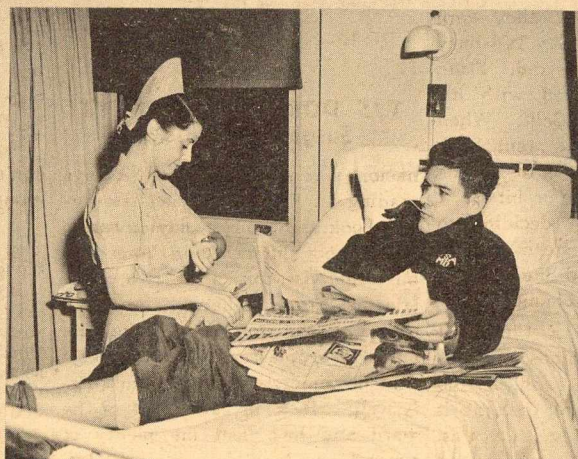


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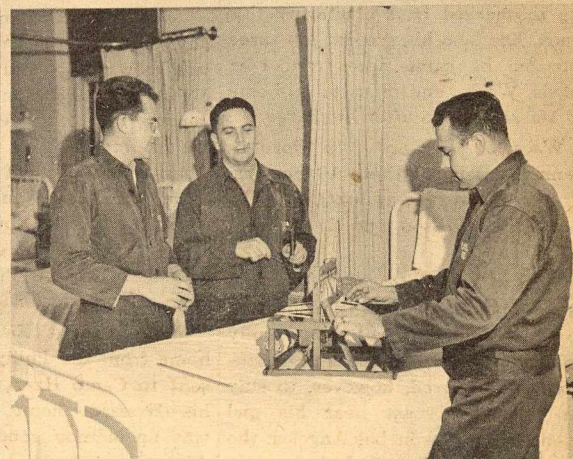
Al Goodhart entertaining the ward with some of his own compositions.

A WEAVER AND HIS HELPERS

Pfc. Raymond Martin works the loom while T-4 Sidney Church and Pvt. Walter M. Ward lend a hand.



PULSE AND TEMPERATURE
Lieut. Letha McHale Albrecht looks at her watch and Pfc. Walter Hanke looks at the lieutenant.



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EDITORIAL

DEMONSTRATIONS

The stories in the public prints in the past week about the demonstrations being staged by the enlisted men of our army in all parts of the world brings to light a situation unparalleled in all of our military history.

The foundation of any army is good order based on discipline. The objective for which armies exist demand that foundation or without it any group of any size becomes a mob.

By law and tradition all military authority is constituted in the commander in chief, and he in turn delegates that authority to duly appointed subordinates. Unity of command is based on that authority in competent hands, and no army ever accomplished its missions without that unity of command.

For subordinates to question that authority by massed demonstrations is an indication that some sinister force is at work—a force that should be identified and banished without delay.

A good soldier may grumble but he never defies constituted authority.



Lieutenant Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, our new Principal Chief Nurse, was the guest of honor at a reception held in the nurses Recreation Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The Commanding General and Mrs. Hillman and the senior officers and their wives were among the guests to welcome Col. Schneider to the command.

Lieut. Helen A. Glos, former Lettermanite, and more recently in the Philippines, came home this week and is now on terminal leave of absence.

Camp Beale promises to be a well known spot to many members of the ANC in the years to come. This week from Beale came 1st Lieuts. Gwen Reese and Ruth Anderson and 2nd Lt. Kathryn P. Fredericks. In trade, as it were, we sent there 2nd Lieut. Dorothy J. Kelly for separation from the service.

Captain Alice J. Curto, now in "exile" at Dante Annex, came back one day this week to have a chat with a few of her former friends.

The "Old Timers" had a little informal going away party on Monday evening for four of the "gang" who are saying au revoir to these sacred precincts. The honorees were Major Ruth Wagner en route to the Separation Center at Fort Sheridan, Captain Margaret J. Giles, who takes to the high seas on a hospital ship, Captain Lizzie O. Woods who does likewise, and 1st Lieut. Margaret Wright, en route to Beale and civil life.

Wishing them Godspeed were Captains Virginia C. Sanderson, Elizabeth J. Foster, May D. Hanawalt, Leota Duke, Alice J. Curto, and Lieuts. Nina P. Brandt, Rebecca Chamberlain, Rebecca D. Hoover, Rebecca V. Amend, Elnore L. Mendia, Clara L. Rockeman, and Blanche V. Snyder.

On leave of absence are Lieuts. Virginia Harvey and Rose K. O'Brezar, while Captain Jessie O. Whyto-shek was granted a ten day extension.

New York (CNS)—Three polite robbers removed \$5,000 from the office till of a local manufacturing concern, tipping their hats and reminding the employees that "you might as well take it easy. You're covered by insurance."

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Talk of trousseaux, bridegrooms, "something borrowed and something blue" floated around the barracks this week as exuberant brides-to-be got ready for an altarward job and laid plans for civilian home-life in the close future.

While several rows of OD-clad colleagues watched solemnly, Beth Nicholson was married last Saturday night at the Presidio chapel to Melvin Mertz, discharged from the army.

Both the bride, who had an orchid corsage, and her maid of honor, Bernice Goodall, who had gardenias, wore their winter off-duty dresses. Capt. Ernestine L. Stephenson gave the bride away.

On the secret side was the wedding of Ethel Bash who let bunkmates in on the news only when the ceremony was over. They had their revenge a few days later, however, when they gathered around the front door and windows of the barracks and wouldn't let the bride out to join her waiting husband until they had a good look. Another recent marriage is Hedwig Kaiser, formerly Simonsen.

Ellen Bing was counting the days this week to Friday when she would marry Bob Young, discharged navy man; Ellen is planning to take her honeymoon on a two-week furlough and the couple will spend a week in Los Angeles and another in San Francisco hunting an apartment... which, with young optimism, they're sure they'll find in that time.

Barracks scenes... Hazel Robinson wearing the photo-lab-special perforated tie, prepared with a simple GI tie and a sharp paper punch; Pat Stevens sewing black lace on a slinky black negligee which she bought with Xmas funds and is setting aside for future reference; girls lining up in the day room to sign the list for nylons, the glamorous absentee item of civilian stock shelves; Harriet Wox coming here as De Witt concludes its closure.

New Britain, Conn. (CNS)—Awaiting the opening of a meeting of the New Britain police school, a policeman turned to a stranger standing beside him and remarked casually: "I suppose they'll have some windbag up from Washington to speak to us." "They probably will," agreed the stranger, FBI Agent L. I. Meunier, of Washington, as he strolled up to the speaker's platform.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 13, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner Party

Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. William L. Beswick were hosts on Sunday evening at the Presidio Officers' Club at a delightful dinner on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Covers were laid for 25 guests and those present were:

Brigadier General and Mrs. C. C. Hillman, Colonel and Mrs. A. B. McKie, Colonel and Mrs. Brown S. McClintic, Lieut. Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Mrs. Boyd S. Smith, Mrs. John D. Foley, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Seth O. Craft, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Charles E. Cocks, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. John D. Lamon, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Robert L. Whitfield, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Harold L. Stewart, Major and Mrs. Leslie D. Snyder, and Major and Mrs. Lemuel R. Williams.

Ten Year Award

At an appropriate ceremony held in the office of the Commanding General on Friday last, Mrs. Catherine B. Bolden, of the laundry staff, was awarded the emblem and certificate for ten years of faithful service to the War Department.

Brigadier General C. C. Hillman made the presentation and highly complimented Mrs. Bolden on her loyalty and devotion to this command.

Prisoners of War Will Be Sent Home by May

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—All enemy prisoners of war now in the United States will be withdrawn from employment within the next few months, and the last of them will be homeward bound by the end of April, announces Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LOIS V. PARKER
Technician 5th Grade

Lois V. Parker, natural curly-head of lower 212 and occasional poetess of whimsical pieces, is a dramatist by preference, a lab technician by Army direction and quips that, once back in civilian life, she is going to be a chicken-farmer and finish her schooling between hatchings.

Lois, whose soft accent testifies to long pre-Army residence in Jackson, Miss., majored in dramatics during her two years' college work—which she got through in a year and a summer. Her schooling was accompanied, and interspersed, with work; a year of teaching third, fourth, and fifth grades, another year teaching fifth and sixth grades.

If she goes back to teaching again, it will be in an orphanage, Lois plans, with children somewhat younger than sixth grade level, if possible; she recalls, from her experience, that the older groups of pupils thought she was too close their age to be a strict disciplinarian.

Before entering the Army Lois was working part time in the clinical laboratory of a civilian hospital and going to school at the same time. She was active in off-duty dramatic work in high school and college; acted in many plays, won state honors in high school, and was one of 40 students in the nation to win a scholarship to Plymouth Dramatic College which, however, she did not attend.

Her taste in plays runs towards "something not too heavy and not too light, something like melodrama." Besides dramatics, Lois is interested in a wide variety of sports, horseback riding, hunting, and fishing; reading is also a favorite diversion.

She entered the Army in October 1944 and trained at Fort Oglethorpe before taking lab work at Fitzsimons Hospital, Denver.

SGO USES MICRO FILM IN ROLE OF REPORTING PROGRESS IN MEDICINE

The Army Medical Library's system of broadcasting current information by means of micro-film prevented many countries in various parts of the world from being blacked-out from a standpoint of the latest medical and surgical knowledge, according to a statement released by Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army.

Millions of pages of medical literature revealing the latest developments during the war were furnished to isolated posts and occupied countries by means of this miniature method of reproduction, to keep American and Allied and other doctors abreast of advances being made in Army practice.

The secrets of the use of the miracle drugs, penicillin and the sulfas, which were developed in this war, would have remained unknown to large portions of the world, if it had not been for the dissemination of such information through micro-film, General Kirk said.

Untold numbers of lives have been saved as a result of this world-wide plan of broadcasting new discoveries and techniques in saving the lives of the American and Allied sick and wounded located on isolated posts, as well as of people in occupied countries.

Representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation and other similar organizations reported that after the Japs closed the Burma road, China would have been in almost total darkness as far as knowing the progress that was being made during the war years in the field of surgery and medicine, if it had not been for this micro-film plan.

Colonel Leon L. Gardner, Director of the Army Medical Library explained that it would have been impossible to send out the hundreds of tons of literature covering all the various phases of medical advances being made in this year. However, by a system of selection, the significant material was reduced to micro-film and broadcast to all parts of the world.

Mr. Cosby Brinkley, Chief of the Army Medical Library's Photographic Duplication Service, who has been largely responsible for the development and management of this service, said that the entire material contained in about fifteen medical

journals can be reproduced on one 100 foot roll of 35-millimeter film, which weighs only 8 ounces. When ready for shipping, this roll measures 3 1-2 inches in diameter and 1 1-2 inches in thickness.

Professional men who received these films used ordinary photographic enlargers, or some type of projection or viewing apparatus, to flash, in miniature page, onto some form of screen, so that the secrets of what was being learned by doctors in all parts of the world could be put to use by them.

High priority was given these rolls of micro-film, which were sent by air mail to American and Allied commanders of posts and hospitals and to key individuals in occupied countries. The State Department co-operated by transmitting some of these rolls in diplomatic pouches.

Mr. Brinkley said that from 40,000 to 60,000 feet of these micro-films were sent out monthly, which means that over 10,000,000 pages of medical literature a year was being flashed to scientists throughout all theaters of operations. In less than a day, he explained, a negative and sufficient positives could be made for complete coverage of the world-wide mailing list which the Army Medical Library built up.

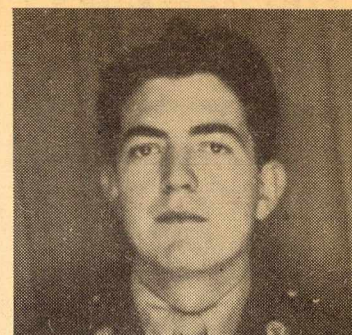
MORE ABOUT NEW LAW

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General to arrange the training and assignments of Army doctors in a way to help them obtain board certification for specialties from recognized civilian specialty boards. Army fellowships, residencies and special courses are in operation to further this program designed to aid in advancing the personnel of the Medical Department from a professional standpoint. As facilities and opportunity permit, training in recognized civilian institutions will be expanded.

The program of graduate medical education and research for Medical Corps officers can be ascertained in more detail from recent publications of the Office of The Surgeon General or by direct communication to the Director, Educational and Training Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



URBAN J. LOUIS
Sergeant

More than two years ago in these columns Sergeant Urban J. Louis made his bow to our readers as the "Buck of the Week". At that time he was a private and his prized possession was a big shiny convertible coupe that fairly bulged with GIs going and coming on the post.

The war had interrupted his studies and he was counting the days until the "duration" would be over and he could resume the carefree life of a college boy. Of course, he was a bachelor or how could he be carefree?

In keeping with so many others Louis has been wondering for some time just how long this "duration" is to last. Even though he now wears the three chevrons of a sergeant the pay is not too much to support a wife. Oh, yes, maybe we should let you in on the news that about a year ago he lost interest in being carefree and now he has plenty to think about.

These days he is on the staff of the Finance Officer and with the traffic all outward bound Louis sees plenty of "moola" being put into circulation by the efficient organization headed by Lieut. Dowling and small wonder that he turns an occasional thought to the matter of acquiring enough wherewithal to make a home and keep that convertible running.

In his present job he is learning the value of money. Never give it away without something to show for it is standard operating procedure in the Finance office — and we just wonder how Mrs. Louis will like that in the piping days of peace.

It's a new world.

Oakdale, Tenn. (CNS)—The Depositors State Bank closed its doors for the first time since 1911 the other day when the cashier resigned. Directors couldn't find another one.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: T/3rd Gr. Philip S. Vail, T/5th Gr. John Daoutis and Pfc. William G. Hesse.

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points or length of service to get the "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to separation centers during the past week: S/Sgt. Charles E. Lertora, Sgt. James O. Parry, T/4th Gr. Raymond E. Ryckman and Glenn M. Wade, Cpls. John Richie and William F. Harmon, Pvts. Gadas W. Killian Jr., Eddie Hazelwood, James E. Fletcher, Leo Pels and George C. Denike.

Furloughs are still the order of the day and the following men took off for a visit home in the past week: Cpl. George J. Horsley, with 23 days; T/Sgt. Wayne F. Shannon and T/5th Gr. Aubra C. Wofford, each with 21 days; Cpl. Arthur Femino, with 20 days; Sgt. Robert Colvig with 19 days; Cpl. Roy W. Conley, with 17 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/3rd Gr. Edward Childgren back to work in the Pharmacy after spending the Holiday season on furlough in San Francisco.

T/4th Gr. John Barsocchini once again on the job in the dental annex and looking like he enjoyed his leave which he spent at his home down the peninsula.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz once again learning how to buck a chow line.

Sgt. Robert V. Jacobs trying out different civilian garments to see what he looks like in something besides khaki.

T/Sgt. Rudolph O. Shellhorn back on duty after spending his reenlistment furlough in Redding, California and once more trying to learn how to play Pinochle.

The former S/Sgt. Herman Knoller and Cpl. Robert Dothseth paying a visit to LGH one day last week to see the old gang and both looking very good in civies.

CAMERA CUTIES CAPER TO CUPID; ONE FOR SURE THE OTHER MAYBE



AGNES ZOUHAR
Staff Sergeant

If you should overhear Sgt. Schutz humming the refrain "The good lab—it ain't what it used to be" the reason is the atomic action following the publication of orders relieving Staff Sergeant Agnes Zouhar and T/3rd Gr. Hazel Robinson from duty with that activity, and en route to separation.

Ever since our own private Photo Laboratory became a section of the command "Zoe" has been with it and some months ago Hazel became a tangible asset of that installation. They have made up a team of snapshotters that were familiar sights every time a celebrity penetrated our portals and their contribution to history as we live it at Letterman will be most valuable in the years to come.

"Zoe"—she prefers that appellation—is a native of Cleveland and has been with the WAC since April, 1943. In civil life she was the manager of a food store, and with that background, in usual Army fashion, she was sent to a motor transport school after completing basic training. The real love in her life is Photography, and after a few "snow" jobs on her immediate superiors, she found herself transferred to that duty at Camp White. Her next move was to Santa Barbara where she snapped GIs at the Redistribution Center as they lived the life of Riley before going back to work at being soldiers.

Letterman was lucky to get her next and she has a done grand job for us as she advanced from private



HAZEL ROBINSON
Technician 3rd Grade

to staff sergeant and every promotion well earned. Zoe plans to stay on the west coast and hopes to settle in San Diego where photography will be her chief occupation.

Pert Hazel Robinson has been a member of the WAC since January 1943 and her service includes tours at Camp Abbott, Fort Lewis, and Fort Scott before coming to Letterman in July of last year. She ventured into the field of photography by a lucky break and her luck has stayed with her all the time. Of course, she has more than the average degree of diligence and willingness to work, and that in combination with luck will help people go places.

Hazel's big moment around here was the time she snapped General Wainwright and received a personal compliment from the hero of Bataan. Then we recall when Bob Hope gave her a genuine "toothy" smile as she clicked the shutter on him. He does advertise tooth-paste, you know.

Imagine anyone who has been in California going back to Massachusetts! Well, Hazel will do just that—and no apologies. Happens that the man, in her life has been separated from the service after 40 months in the Pacific and he is ready to take her away from all this. She is ready, too, so there will be a wedding in the near future despite all the ice and snow and chill winds so prevalent in New England at this time of the year.

We will miss our camera cuties and we wish them well.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

We have some departures to report this week among our civvies. The Motor Pool has had several of its stalwart members leave the service recently. Marie Elliott has moved to Stockton where her newly-discharged husband is establishing his own business. Mary Ivory will be a lady of leisure for a while and intends to catch up on some much needed relaxation. Geneva Wheeler and Elsie Rauch are no longer with us. Off to Great Falls, Mont., is Mildred Lewis to resume her post-war life with her husband, the former Sgt Lewis of LGH. In San Diego, June Stewart is awaiting the arrival of her Navy spouse. They have exciting plans for the future which include spending a few years in the interior of China. Anne Converse has left the city and Alice Baer is by now back home in Oklahoma. Helen Gootherts, nee Fogarty, will join her husband in Seattle, Wash., where he is stationed temporarily. Also resuming her housewifely duties is Helen Hansen from the Record Section. From the Dental Clinic, Julius Gazso will leave us soon to return to his family in Los Angeles. Lawrence Benjamin, too, will trek southward.

Fran Divelbiss is undoubtedly home in Pueblo, Colo., by this time and everyone misses Carmen Martinez throughout the hospital. And so it goes! As the vacancies are filled, there are new faces in the corridors. We welcome the newcomers and hope, eventually, to greet them all personally.

Leonne Brennan had a novel week end of duck hunting last Saturday. Our usual unusual weather was unusually so, for the day was sunny, mild, and beautiful but very bad for ducks. However, the party did bag several geese and thoroughly enjoyed the rugged outdoor existence.

To clear up numerous questions, we'll give you the new ruling on the meritorious service award for civilians. All those appointed on or after 1 Aug 45 will receive their emblems one year from the day they entered on duty. If appointed before 1 Aug 45, you will receive it in six months. For further inquiries, call us at 2462.



To Capt. and Mrs. Charles E. Herbert, a son, **Charles Emile Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 29 December.

To F/O and Mrs. John Layer, a daughter, **Nancy Lynn**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 29 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McGuire, a daughter, **Kathleen**, weight 9 pounds and 9 ounces, born 29 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Howard Mongold, a son, **Howard William Jr.**, weight 8 pounds and 6 ounces, born 29 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Albert Silvernail, a daughter, **Nancy**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 31 December 31.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jack Row, a son, **Jack Weston II**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 2 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William A. McConaha, a daughter, **Jean Anne**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 4 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. James H. Pollock, a son, **Robert Jeffry**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 5 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frank O. Culen, a daughter, **Maureen Catherine**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 5 January.

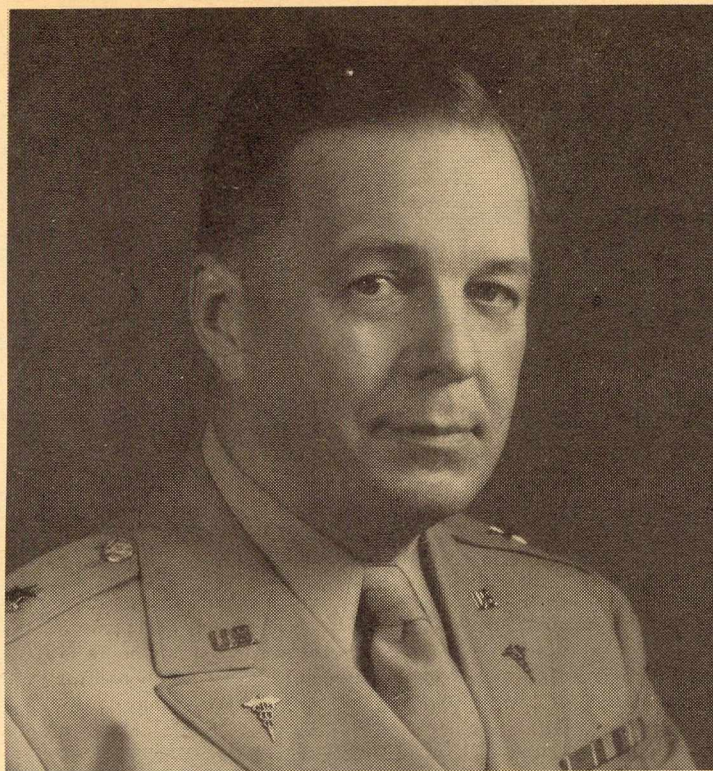
To Major and Mrs. Gordon Kiolsrud, a daughter, **Christine**, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces, born 5 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert C. Nettleship, a daughter, **Roberta Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 5 January.



Under the provisions of a recent circular issued by the War Department the letter "V" is authorized for wear on the suspension ribbon and service ribbon of the Bronze Star Medal to indicate that the award was made for valor rather than for meritorious service. Only one letter "V" will be worn. All other awards whether for valor or meritorious service will be designated by Oak Leaf Clusters. Hereafter all orders awarding the Bronze Star Medal will specifically state whether the award is for heroism or for meritorious service.

MAJ. GEN. GEORGE F. LULL, DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL, IS RETIRED



Major General GEORGE F. LULL, US ARMY
Who retired as Deputy Surgeon General of Army last week.

Major General George F. Lull, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, whose notable record in that capacity won him the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest noncombatant award, has retired from the Army after 33 years of service with the Medical Corps.

General and Mrs. Lull will move to Chicago, where General Lull will become Secretary and General Manager of the American Medical Association. He will take up his new duties officially in July, when the retirement of Dr. Olin West, the present Secretary and General Manager, becomes effective, but he will immediately join the staff of the American Medical Association to familiarize himself with the work of the organization.

The citation for the Distinguished Service Medal stated that, in his capacity as Chief of the Personnel Service, General Lull was largely responsible for the development of policies and studies which resulted in outstanding achievements in the Army's medical program.

Early in World War I he commanded a base hospital at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, and later or-

ganized and commanded Base Hospital No. 35 of the A. E. F. From 1922 until 1926 General Lull was Director of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Army Medical Center. In 1929 he was appointed Medical Adviser to the Governor General of the Philippine Islands, where he served for three years. He had charge of the Vital Records Division of The Surgeon General's Office from 1932 to 1936.

The following four years he was Director of the Department of Sanitation at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. In 1940 he returned to The Surgeon General's Office as Chief of Personnel Service until May 31, 1943, when he was appointed Deputy Surgeon General.

Born in Pennsylvania March 10, 1887, General Lull received his M. D. degree from Jefferson Medical College in 1909, a Certificate of Public Health from Harvard Technology School of Public Health in 1921, and his degree of Doctor of Public Health from the University of Pennsylvania in 1922. He is an honor graduate of the 1913 class of the Army Medical School.

One Man Show is a Popular Feature on Letterman Wards

Mr. Al Goodhart, who has been giving shows on the wards of Letterman, might well be called the "Personality of the Week" hereabouts.

The stocky little chap wearing the miniature ETO campaign ribbon in his lapel has earned the sobriquet of "The One-Man USO Show." This composer of popular songs spends most of his working hours in the wards and recreation halls of the U. S. Army hospitals, putting on informal entertainment in a friendly way that appeals to the patients and hospital staff.

His routine is based on a humorously reminiscent review and playing of his own songs, including the ones that did not make him famous. Best known in recent years as the writer of "Johnny Doughboy Found A Rose In Ireland," "Auf Wiedersehen, My Dear," and "Some Day We'll Meet Again," the energetic song plugger loves to give eight or ten shows a day in hospitals. His most recent tour of the fighting fronts carried him to the St. Lo sector in France. When you hear Al recount his experiences overseas, you get the impression he came home only because he ran too far ahead of the line of supply of pianos.

Over a career of 16 years, he has written the words and music for over 400 songs, only 20 of which are considered standard, or "hits," and that's considered a good average in the music business.

Don't Blame Veterans For New Crime Wave

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (ALNS)—A new crime wave that threatens to rival the gangster era of the "Roaring Twenties" is anticipated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated J. Edward Hoover, director of the FBI, in an address here. Mr. Hoover stated, however, that this lawlessness cannot be laid at the doorstep of returning war veterans, but at the wartime juvenile delinquents who will come to maturity after the war in which they saw no service. Mr. Hoover did state, however, that souvenir weapons brought home by returning servicemen were being obtained and were being used in crimes of violence, and urged that all such weapons should be kept out of the hands of black marketeers who sell them to hoodlums and criminals.

Refresher Courses To Be Given Medics On Separation

Refresher training of 12 weeks' duration will be given Army doctors leaving the service who desire to brush up on latest developments in fields of medicine, surgery, or neuropsychiatry in which they may not have been actively practicing during the past year, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, announced today.

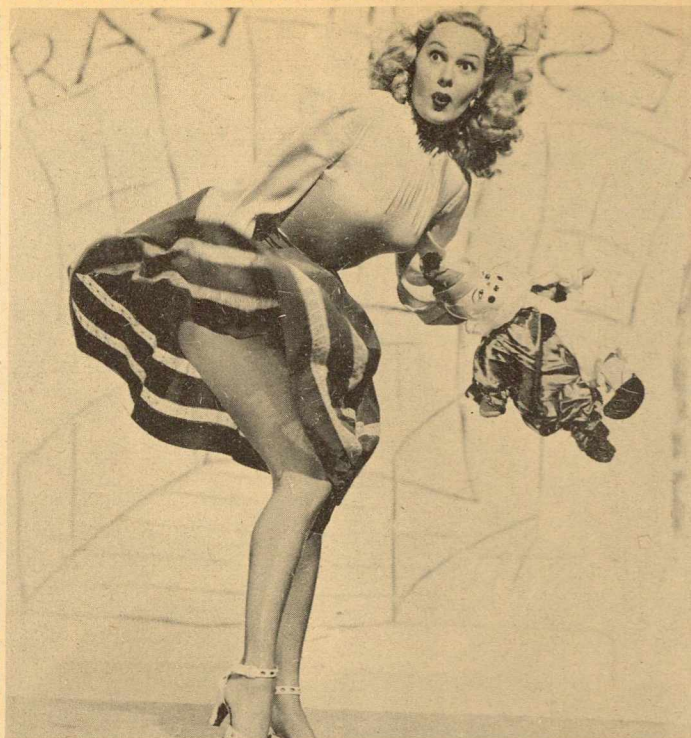
This training, which will prepare retiring Army doctors for return to private practice with latest knowledge of medical advances made during the war, will be given at Army hospitals until June 30, 1946 Reserve Corps, National Guard, and AUS Medical Corps officers who are to be separated will be eligible for this schooling.

The election of the period of refresher training is entirely voluntary, and applications may be made through channels to The Surgeon General in the case of medical officers assigned to the Army Service Forces, Army Ground Forces and Army Air Forces. Medical officers returning from overseas may make application for refresher training from the Reception Stations or Separation Centers through the ASF Liaison Officer directly to The Surgeon General. It is pointed out that medical officers cannot be recalled to active duty from terminal leave for the purpose of accepting a professional assignment for refresher training.

Numerous requests have been received by The Surgeon General from Reserve Corps, National Guard, and AUS Medical officers who are about to be separated and who desire to remain in service for a short period of professional duty prior to return to civilian life. These officers are anxious to return to their civilian practices with the advantages of the latest medical knowledge. Due to the tremendous demand for refresher training placed upon civilian medical teaching centers, many of these medical officers have been unable to arrange for refresher training.

The Surgeon General emphasizes the fact that the refresher training is accomplished by a 12-week temporary duty assignment in the professional field of interest at an

COLUMBIA STUDIOS ANNOUNCE STILL ANOTHER "LOOK OF THE MONTH"



COLUMBIA'S SEVENTEENTH "LOOK OF THE MONTH"
Up she goes . . . Adele Jergens, having a bit of difficulty while passing the Crazy House on the Midway, comes through with a LOOK OF THE MONTH for Cameraman Eddie Cronenweth and amply reveals why she has come to be known as "The Eyeful." The blonde and beautiful Adele is currently to be seen in Columbia's Rosalind Russell comedy, "She Wouldn't Say Yes."

Adele Jergens, a deluxe blonde, and prized possession of the Columbia Studio, has been named "The Eyeful" by G.I. admirers.

This shot of the curvaceous lady, "exposed" by cameraman Eddie Cronenweth, amply illustrates the reason for the tag, and why Adele was chosen for the LOOK OF THE MONTH.

Adele started her theatrical career as understudy to Gypsy Rose Lee in the Broadway musical, "Star and Garter." The star became ill and Adele received her lucky break. A movie scout was in the audience. One glimpse of the luscious damsel and a movie contract followed as automatically as night follows day.

The actress, who was born in

Army hospital without per diem. Such an assignment will afford the medical officer a period of clinical work under supervision, and excellent opportunities for collateral study of recent advances in medicine, surgery, and neuropsychiatry.

Brooklyn, N. Y., on a certain November 26, likes California, but loves New York. Strictly a big town girl, she goes east whenever she has time between pictures.

Before entering films, Adele won the World's Fair contest for blondes. Later, she became a night club beauty, and her career eventually took her to Grosvenor House and the Savoy Hotel in London, Le Touquet Casino, France, the Casino at Biarritz, and the Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro.

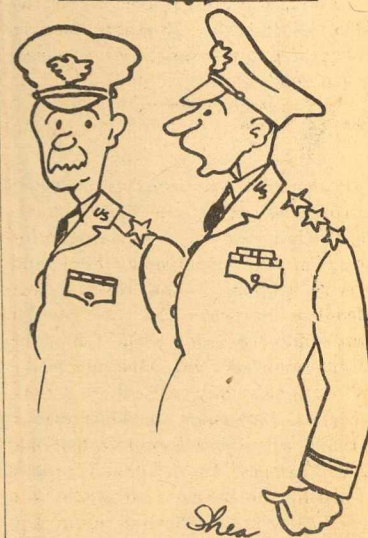
When Columbia Pictures signed Adele, her first role was in support of Rita Hayworth in "Tonight and Every Night." Of her pictures already released, Adele is best known for her work as the Princess of the East in the Technicolor extravaganza of Old Baghdad, "A Thousand and One Nights." Currently, "The Eyeful" is lending her allure to the comedy role of the Latin from Manhattan in support of Rosalind Russell in Columbia's comedy, "She Wouldn't Say Yes."

Fellowships to be Available for Ex-Medical Officers

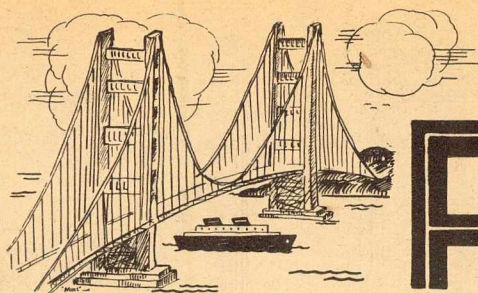
Acting as agent for various national societies, the National Research Council is offering additional fellowships which are available to newly separated Medical Department officers holding M. D. or Ph. D. degrees. These fellowships are in the fields of cancer research and anesthesiology.

Funds for the former are being provided by the American Cancer Society and administered by the National Research Council's newly appointed Committee on Growth. Fellowship stipends vary from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year. They are intended for those who, as a rule, are under 34 years of age. Although they are for a period of one year, they may be renewed. A limited number of senior fellowships for older, particularly qualified individuals planning to specialize in cancer research are available for three-year periods with stipends of \$3,000 to \$6,000 per annum. Applications should be filed before 1 February 1946.

Fellowships in anesthesiology, supported by the American Society of Anesthesiologists are in addition to those in filtrable viruses, orthopedic surgery, and medical sciences described in the October Bulletin. Applications should be filed before 1 July 1946. For further information and application forms, write to: The Chairman, Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, 25, D. C.



"I think I'll sign up for another hitch!"



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Bugler About to Sound "Taps" for Letterman WAC Band

The brave little bugler who sounds "Retreat" each evening as the flag comes down at 5 o'clock is one of six remaining members of what was once the Letterman Wac band.

The Wac Band joined the command in August of last year and has been a source of much pleasure to the patients and the staff.

The band started its existence in October 1942 as part of the organization at Fort Des Moines, and gradually added more members until it moved to Fort Oglethorpe in February 1943. There Warrant Officer (j.g.) Margery L. Pickett, a graduate of the Army Music School at Fort Myer, Va., took over as band leader.

The band originally had 40 members but was cut down to army standard size—28 members—when the Auxiliary became the Women's Army Corps and at that strength it began to build a reputation as one of the best bands in the WAC.

With the end of the war the members who had joined up for the emergency became eligible for discharge, and one by one they have been leaving to return to civilian life. With enlistments stopped it meant there would be no replacements from that source and two weeks ago the organization ceased to function as a band. While it has not been officially deactivated to date orders to that effect are expected at any time.

The Wac Band was an organization Letterman was proud to have under its wing and there is universal regret over its demise.



Major RUTH WAGNER, ANC
Who left Letterman for civil life this week.

Major Ruth Wagner Leaves Letterman

Major Ruth Wagner, ANC, who has been acting Principal Chief Nurse for the past six months, and Letterman long timer in her own right, left this week for her home in Norris City, Illinois, via the Separation Center at Fort Sheridan.

Major Wagner came to Letterman in 1940 as a civilian nurse and was assigned as charge nurse on Ward A-1 and remained there until she resigned in September 1942. In March of the following year she was commissioned in Army Nurse Corps as a second lieutenant and remained until this week.

Her outstanding executive ability merited the rapid promotions to first lieutenant, captain, and major successively and her popularity among the members of the nursing staff compared favorably with her efficiency, which was superior.

Major Wagner was graduated from the School of Nursing at the City Hospital in Indianapolis and served as a civilian nurse at Fort Benjamin Harrison for three years before coming to Letterman.

The major plans to be a home maker for the immediate future.

Round Table Talk On Reconditioning Promises Results

The first step in a program being planned to give emphasis to reconditioning and rehabilitation was made Friday afternoon at Letterman when representatives of the important Federal, State and local civic agencies gathered at the request of General Hillman to discuss practical methods of helping hospitalized soldiers to prepare for future civilian jobs.

The meeting was opened by General Hillman, who told the group, "Letterman hospital now faces the task of caring for returned soldiers who must remain here anywhere from six months to a year. We would like to have the cooperation of all possible agencies who can aid these men when they are discharged. We believe that we can save time by trying to counsel and train men for future work while they are still patients here."

Next, Major James Lang, Director of the Reconditioning Service, explained the program now in operation. It includes Physical Reconditioning, Educational Reconditioning, Orientation discussion, Occupational Therapy and recreation and entertainment through Special Services. Not only the specific injury, but the entire mind and body are considered in the treatment the men receive.

An informal round table discussion followed in which representatives of the Veterans Administration, U. S. Employment Service, State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, San Francisco Board of Education, Red Cross, Federal Security Agency and others participated, and complete co-operation was pledged in the important task of helping the veteran help himself.

DAINTY DIETITIANS DEVISE DEVASTATING DISHES DAILY

It's often been said that the quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach, so figuring on that basis, the wisest group of girls in the hospital is the dietitians.

'LGH Dietitians', when translated, means a lively bunch of extra-ordinarily attractive girls who plan exciting and wholesome meals in their working hours and take swimming lessons in their spare time.

They take turns writing the menus, working out special diets for the patients. As often as possible, they check with the patients beforehand as to food likes and dislikes, and consult with doctors and nurses on dietary problems. They also write up special diet suggestions for those who are cared for in the Out-patient Dept. During the busier hours, they order food, and supervise preparation and service of their menus. In the few quiet pauses, they sketch, write poetry and drink coffee. That's what they say, anyway!

Individually, they are as interesting as they are en masse. Take Lt. Barbara Graves for instance, a vivacious brownette from Newport, Vermont. Barbara surprised her pals a few weeks ago by appearing with a brand new engagement ring and the announcement that she would wed a Navy man the 16th of February. Barb has been here since the first of June, 1945, and in that time has worked up a reputation for eating more than any other member of the department.

Whip-cracker of the office is Lt. Wilma Sledge, who liked to eat so much when she was going to school, she decided to become a dietitian. Boss Sledge went to school at Louisiana Tech and took her internship at Harper Hospital in Detroit. She has been in the army since June, 1943, and has been here at Letterman all that time. In her spare moments, she goes in for horseback riding, dancing, and those swimming lessons everyone in the department is taking.

Dreamy-eyed Mary "I like it here" Holke is another Harper girl, with the added distinction of having been born in a house through which runs the Mason-Dixon line. Which is why her Southern accent comes and goes. Her favorite sport, the other girls say, is making temporary substitutions for the truth, and Mary's inevitable reply is "Everybody picks



LETTERMAN STAFF DIETITIANS

Back row (l to r) 2nd Lt. Helen M. Tracey, 2nd Lt. Mary B. Holke, 1st Lt. Marguerite J. Krause. Second row (l to r) 1st Lt. Emma L. Webster, 1st Lt. Betty J. Myrbo, 1st Lt. Wilma E. Sledge, 1st Lt. Valdis M. Knudson. Front row (l to r) 2nd Lt. Jean A. Iverson, 2nd Lt. Ann Malone, 2nd Lt. Barbara Graves, 1st Lt. Frances Horr, 1st Lt. Olga Fitzpatrick.

on me!" Mary attended Stephens College, Iowa State College, and took her basic training at Fort Lewis.

Lt. Jean Iverson is a hazel-eyed blonde from Grand Forks, North Dakota. Before she came here, she spent her first nine months in the army at McCaw General Hospital in Washington, and before that worked as a dietitian in a Veterans' Hospital in Los Angeles. She sums up her views of the work they do in the department in five words, "We like the food here!" A great music lover, she plays the piano beautifully and collects classical records. She took her internship in Milwaukee County hospital, after studying at the University of North Dakota.

Over at Dante annex is Mary Holke's friend Lt. Ann Malone. Ann and Mary are the two lucky girls who found an apartment when there weren't any, anywhere! Ann trained in Los Angeles, and has been in the army since the middle of last July. She and Mary say they pursue no real hobbies, "just specialize in fun!"

Lt. Helen Tracy trained at U.C.L.A. with Ann, taking her internship

at California Hospital in Los Angeles. Before coming to Letterman, Helen was stationed at Hammond General for a while. She, too, is a swimming fan and is also a handy gal in the crochet department.

Lt. Emma Webster, assigned to Ward A-1, took up dietetics with no particular future in mind, but when the job shortage became acute, just after she left Washington State College, she decided to put her knowledge to work. She has been a dietitian ever since! Emma has been in the army 26 months, and says her idea of a perfect time is to drive around the mountains known as Wenatchee, where the apples come from. Second choice for spare time-killer is bowling.

Lt. Frances Horr, on Ward P, longs to get back to Hawaii, her home. That's her main objective in life, now, and the way things are happening, there's a good chance she'll accomplish it very soon. Of her two years in the army, 14 months of it was spent on Saipan with the 369th Station hospital.

Down at Crissy Field is Lt. Betty

Myrbo, from Fargo, North Dakota. Here's a gal who not only cooks, but sews as well! Betty served in the Southwest Pacific for 19 months with the 42nd General hospital in Australia and the Philippines, trying hard all that time to "make ground beef different every day for soft diets! Altogether, the Army has claimed Betty for 2½ years. She chose her career, she says, because she likes "food and people" in that order.

Lt. Marguerite Krouse should be seen in the swimming pool to be really appreciated, her fellow dietitians claim. Seems Marguerite is the owner and filler-outer of a new black strapless bathing suit—or at least it was strapless 'til she decided not to depend too much on fate, and sewed black ribbons on to hold it up, for sure! Marguerite calls Los Angeles home, though she trained for her work at Colorado State College. She has been at Letterman for two years.

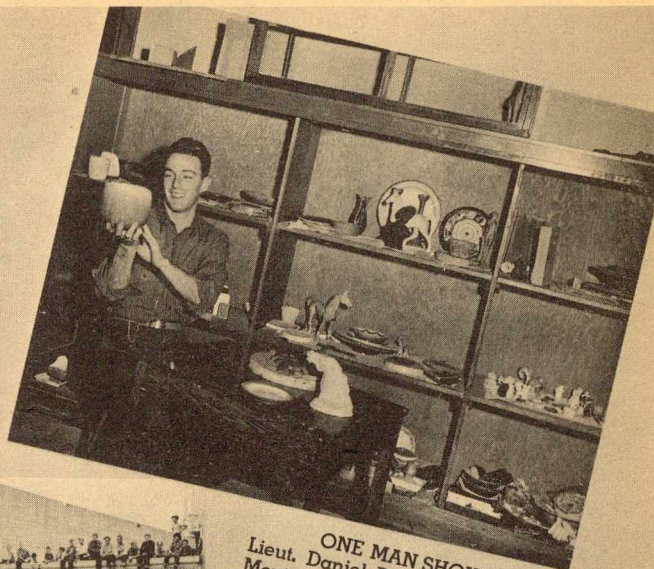
Lt. Valdis Knudson is the other dietitian assigned to Ward A-1. Valdis is from Bismarck, North Dakota,

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IN THE CAMERA'S EYE THIS WEEK AT LETTERMAN



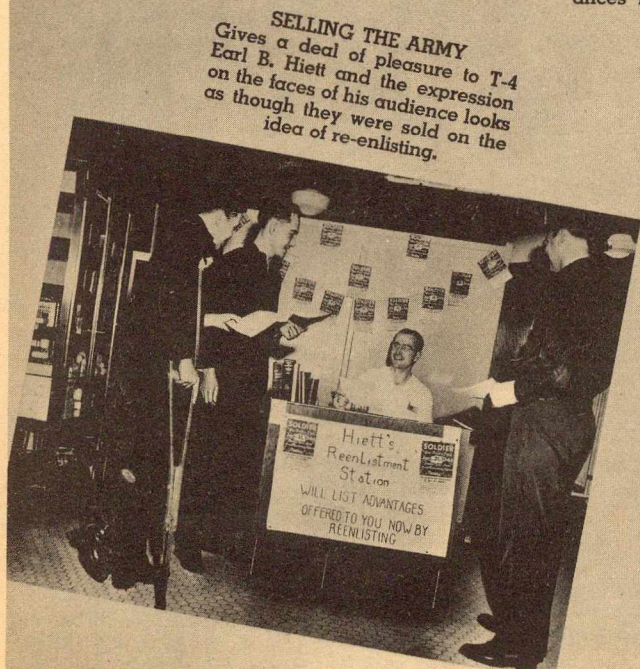
DIETITIANS MUST EAT TOO
The Letterman staff dietitians take time out for the sampling of their own product.



ONE MAN SHOW
Lieut. Daniel B. Scott of Helena, Montana, is getting ready for a show of his own with ceramics in the Occupational Therapy Dept.



OUR WAC BAND IN ACTION
At one of the many public appearances made during their life at Letterman.



SELLING THE ARMY
Gives a deal of pleasure to T-4 Earl B. Hiett and the expression on the faces of his audience looks as though they were sold on the idea of re-enlisting.



GENERAL HILLMAN
Presides at a conference with representatives of the Veterans Administration and welfare organizations on planning the future for veterans of World War II.

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EDITORIAL

"NO ANSWER"

When we picked up the telephone receiver one morning over the last week-end and nothing but silence resulted we reluctantly concluded that another of our ideals had taken human form with all the frailties flesh is heir to.

All of our life we have carried in mind the picture of a veritable angel—the telephone girl—at the switchboard as the personification of devotion to duty. The girl who was known to have remained at her post through fire and flood, calamity and catastrophe. The girl who would stick to the job even if the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse should ride through the land. The girl who took her place at the side of the soldier, the nurse, the doctor, the policeman—to all of whom the word "duty" transcends all else.

Prescinding entirely from the merits of the situation which brought about the silence of the week-end we lament the passing of an ideal. The angel had shed her wings and became like the rest of us—mortals with feet of clay unshod by golden sandals.

We hope the full realization of what they mean to us may prompt our switchboard angels to sprout anew those wings and we will gladly restore the golden sandals.

No wings—no angels.



By Jeanne Riha

Bound for separation centers, overseas duty and other California assignments, a number of LGH nurses—several of them old-timers—crossed the Presidio threshold for a final time last week.

Up for discharge are 1st Lts. Letha McHale, Juanita Pregibon, Audrey Kent and Mary Martin and 2nd Lt. Romilda Forbes at Camp Beale; 1st Lts. Margaret Wright and Loretta Fitzgibbons at Fort Dix, N. J.; 2nd Lt. Helen Kolar at Des Moines, and 1st Lt. Constance D. Darling, Ft. Sheridan.

After a three-day layover at Fort Mason, Capt. Lizzie O. Woods sailed last Saturday for Manila on her first journey since she was transferred from Letterman's ANC staff to the 208th hospital ship complement, Fort Mason. Capt. Woods expressed enthusiasm over her new assignment.

New members of the staff are 1st Lts. Amelia Villanaria, Barbara McGill and Margaret E. Moeckel and 2nd Lt. Eleanor B. Fixem. Second Lt. Earleen J. Johns was transferred recently to Dibble General Hospital.

Promoted from 2nd to 1st Lt. were Loretta Johnson, Beulah Fries, Jane M. Irving, Edna Knutsen and Marie H. Ree.

Starting off the new year right—with a leave—are Capt. Blanche A. Hawkins and 2nd Lts. Agnes G. Rivord, Dorothy Johnson, Elsie Schorno and Dorothy Ludwig.

With the new 12 hour duty tour for night nurses it appears that the army has gone in for reconversion to pre-war standards. Considerable rearrangement of social calendars was necessary as a result.

Ex-1st Lt. Lois R. Bock writes back to say one can have a good time even in Elewa—a very small town in Wisconsin but it has a post office.

Hour of Charm

On the weekly program produced by General Electric over the National Broadcasting Company on Sunday evening last the all girl choir of "The Hour of Charm" dedicated the "Hymn of the Evening" to the patients and staff of Letterman General hospital.



Colonel Raymond O. Dart and his very popular "better half" making a round of PPC calls here before leaving for their new station at The Army Medical Museum, Washington, D.C.

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First Lieut. Wilma Sledge and 2nd Lieut. Mary B. Holke back from a week end at Sonoma Mission Inn with lots to relate.

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The patients on Ward C-1 somewhat crestfallen since their best pinochle player was transferred to Dibble General hospital.

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First Lieut. Lillian Matthews wearing those new silver bars and trying hard not to grin so broadly.

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First Lieut. Frances V. Peterson taking over as chairman of the "March of Dimes" campaign and threatening to set a new mark for Letterman donations.

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Major Thomas A. Broderick making very favorable progress at the Dante Annex and yearning to get back here where there is always so much doing.

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Second Lieut. Esther A. Hartman looking very much like a school teacher as she arranges the new class rooms for the education section of the reconditioning division.

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Miss Rebecca Garcia assuming the role of the "Queen of the Copy Desk" for the FOGHORN—and a worthy successor to her predecessors.

Belts

The first belt-making project that Arts and Skills has seen begun in "a long time" was started Tuesday by S/Sgt. Alfred Rasmussen, Ward D-1, who said he is tired of making wallets and coin purses and "just wanted to try something new."

Sergeant Rasmussen started his experiment with a blue and white leather belt which he expects to turn over to his wife, as he has most of his completed projects. The sergeant came here from DeWitt where he had been hospitalized since last July; his home is Sunnydale.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 20, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:30 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chaplains Released

In the period from VJ Day to 1 December 1945 the following separations in the eight largest demonimations took place:

Roman Catholic	239
Methodist	213
Baptist, South	179
Lutheran	127
Presbyterian	118
Baptist, North	76
Episcopal	71
Jewish	38

Au Revoir

A farewell party was given in the solarium last Saturday afternoon for Sergeant Ben Dembek, who departed Monday for Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where he will be separated from the service. Sergeant Dembek served as a surgical technician in the operating room since his assignment to Letterman in November of 1943.

The party was given by Miss Marie Schadd and Mrs. Hollie Gray of the Telephone Center and Mrs. Ruby Colton of the Red Cross. Those who attended were from the surgery, central service and the library. Four novels and a Red Cross kit were presented to the sergeant as "going away" gifts. Refreshments consisted of cakes, nuts and cokes.

Free Wheeling

The 1946 edition of Skating Vanities played to a full house yesterday in the Letterman Gym. Starring cute Gloria Nord, known as the Sonja Henie of roller skating, and Miss Melva Moreno, the entire troupe put on a complete show for the patients and the permanent party. They even brought their own specially built masonite floor with them!

WAC OF THE WEEK



MAY BELLE PRICE
Technician 4th Grade

The black-haired Wac who spends eight hours a day in the information office wrestling with three healthy-voiced phones is May Belle Price, who used to have a strong distaste for telephones and always avoided conversation over them until last October when she was assigned to her present job.

The office operates on a four-shift schedule with personnel working day shifts two weeks each month and night hours the remainder. May Belle's preference is the midnight to 8 a.m. shift.

When she gets back to the barracks, many of the girls are just leaving for work but the noise doesn't bother May Belle a bit; she'll sleep through anything, she says.

"They cleaned the whole barracks last week and moved my bed here and there but I slept through it all," the LGH Wac asserts.

Before coming into the army, May Belle worked in the Swiftwater, Pa., laboratory of National Drug Company filling ampules with vaccines, toxoids and antitoxins for the army and navy. She doesn't doubt that she helped prepare and pack some of the serum that later went into her arm.

"When I got my first my shots, I regretted every minute I worked there."

May Belle went to high school in her home town of Cresco, Pa., and decided to attend business college 40 miles away. She was there a month when she got so homesick she had to quit. That didn't stop her from joining the army though, 15 months later.

"I decided to get as far away as I could so I couldn't get home." She had a spell of homesickness in the army too, especially at Fort Oglethorpe where, to finish off everything in a blaze of glory, she got KP Christmas day. She came to Letter-

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW IN ORDER FOR REGULAR ARMY COMMISSIONS

Officers interested in a Regular Army career should submit applications without delay, it was announced today at Ninth Service Command headquarters, Fort Douglas, Utah.

A bill recently signed by the President authorizes an increase in the commissioned strength of the Army to 25,000, providing an opportunity for nearly 10,000 additional men who have served as temporary commissioned officers in World War II.

The legislation provides that qualified officers will be selected for service with the branch of their choice, in grades of second lieutenant to major, inclusive. The grade will be determined by the amount of constructive or actual commissioned service, whichever is greater.

Constructive service credit will be given for the number of years by which the applicant's age exceeds 25 years. Commissioned service will include all active duty commissioned service since December 7, 1941, after the officer reached the age of 21. Service credit for officers now in reserve status will be computed as though they had remained on active duty until the time of appointment.

Applications must be submitted to reach the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., by March 1. Applicants on active duty will submit applications through their commanders, and those not on active duty, including those on terminal leave, will submit applications direct to the Adjutant General. The proper forms and information relative to submission of applications may be obtained at military installations and U. S. Army Recruiting Stations. A new application is required regardless of prior submission of a declaration of interest.

Officers not on active duty will be notified when to appear at the nearest personnel center for examination.

With the exception of the Adjutant General's Department, the fol-

lowing appointments in the various arms or services will be authorized: second lieutenants, less than 3 years service; first lieutenants, 3 or more, but less than 10 years; captain, 10 years or more, but less than 17; and major, 17 or more, but less than 23 years service.

Applicants for Judge Advocate General's Department who have less than 10 years service, but are between the ages of 30 and 35, will be considered for appointment in grade of captain. Adjutant General's Department applicants between the ages of 28 and 34 may be commissioned in another branch and detailed in the Adjutant General's Department until eligible for transfer. Commissions in the Medical, Dental, Veterinary Corps and Corps of Chaplains will start at first lieutenants for those having less than 3 years service. Those with 3 or more, but less than 12, will be captains, and those with 12 or more, but less than 20 years service, will be majors. Pharmacy Corps officers (Medical Administrative and Sanitary Corps officers who so desire may also be commissioned in that branch) will receive second lieutenant commissions for less than 3 years service; first lieutenant for 3 or more, but less than 6 years; captain for 6 or more, but less than 12, and major for 12 or more, but less than 20 years.

Now officers will rank immediately below officers in the same grade who are already in the Regular Army with an equivalent or next greater length of service. In cases of ties the position on the promotion list will be decided on the basis of commissioned service and age. No appointee will be commissioned in a grade higher than the highest temporary grade held. However, officers will retain present rank if it is higher than the permanent rank until adjustments are made in wartime grades and all officers revert to permanent rank.

Technical specialists of whom special qualifications are required include: Chaplains, Chemical Warfare Service, Corps of Engineers, Finance Department, Judge Advocate General's Department, Ordnance Department, Corps of Military Police, Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps, Transportation Corps, Medical Department, Army Air Corps, and certain Ground Forces specialists.

When Andy goes back to school (he is already 20 years old and still single!), he plans to study electrical engineering. His real love, though he flatly states "I hate hobbies" is "heaps"—(jalopies to those of us who went to school way back in the '30s). His pride and joy was a cut down Model A that worked itself up to a sensational 65 miles an hour when it was in top running condition. From that gleam in his eye when he talks about those cars, we think Andy may turn out to be the Kaiser-Fraser of 1956.

Working in the RAMP section, Andy has been giving the men their traveling orders, but the duty that has endeared him to the PRO office has kept him racing up to the second floor of the Administration Building and handing us the RAMP flimsie with assorted insults thrown in.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ANDY GUGLIELMO
Private

Pvt. Andy Guglielmino is that handsome lad in the RAMP office whose hair looks as if it is constantly standing at attention. Some people unimaginatively call his coiffure a "crew cut" . . . we prefer to think of it as a "plush brush."

Andy has been at LGH five months, by way of Fort Mason, and before that from Santa Barbara. He calls Portland, Oregon home, and was busily absorbing knowledge at Central Catholic High School when Uncle Sam persuaded him to join the armed forces in August, 1944.

After the usual months of training, he was sent overseas to help get the enemy in line, and wound up with the 36th Infantry, which is now in permanent occupation of Germany. Andy was a rifleman, and says "the only souvenirs I got were those I carry right with me all the time." He was in France and England about four months.

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WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Wac detachmentites settled back on their bunks and watched with avid interest this week as 19 of their colleagues dragged out suitcases, set up barracks bags for packing and chattered excitedly about brand new, fast-approaching transfers.

The first group, of seven, was scheduled to leave early in the week with T/4 Bernice Goodall transferring to Oakland Regional Hospital; T/5 Evaline L. Blanco to Fort Stevens, Ore.; T/4 Mabel J. Grounds and T/5's Elaine L. Jenzen and Ethel M. Nelson to Dibble General Hospital; Pfc's. Angel (Sparkey) Santos and Luz (Bobbie) Barbarisi to Camp Cook.

Sparkey and Bobbie, New York sisters who have managed to remain together most of their army career, were jubilant about being transferred to the same place. They entered the army last August and remained together until last October when Sparkey came to LGH, leaving her sister in clerk school at Des Moines. Two months later Bobbie followed. The girls plan to attend school together after being discharged.

Others scheduled for an early transfer were Pvt. Doris I. Barnhart, T/5 Mary M. Craig, T/5 Mary E. Dingle, T/4 Mildred C. Hendricks, T/5 Nell C. Hurd, Pvt. Peggy V. Mondham, Pvt. Mary F. Monk, T/5 Georgina B. Placido, T/5 Julia D. Presley, Pvt. Linda M. Pischke, T/5 Dorothy J. Sheets and T/4 Dorothy A. Sundin.

Wedding bells kept ringing, at least figuratively, this week as more ceremonies were conducted or announced. Sgt. Marian I. Brown returned Monday night from Pennsylvania where she had become Mrs. Bush in a wedding Christmas eve; her husband, a regular navy man, just returned from the Philippines.

Lois Parker was making plans early this week for her wedding Friday to Earl Sampson, detachment man temporarily a patient here. The ceremony was planned for the hospital chapel and is to be followed by a brief pass-length honeymoon. Another prospective bride is Cpl. Hazel Ormond whose wedding date is scheduled for the near future. Dorothy E. Dixon's status of staff sergeant back again to Mrs. when she left LGH to be discharged this week.

MRS. HELEN JENSEN LEAVES US; HER GOLF NEEDS MORE ATTENTION



Mrs. HELEN JENSEN
One of our genial "smoother overers" in civil circles.

We wonder if all the civilian workers who have had occasion to consult Mrs. Helen Jensen realize that they've been talking to a girl who used to broadcast her own radio show, and once won a loving cup for the highest qualifying golf score—195 for 18 holes!

These two accomplishments, picked at random from a long list of activities, will give you some idea of Helen's versatility and frankness. The radio show was a half hour spot on KUTA in Salt Lake City, and the grey-eyed honey pictured above was the gal who wrote and broadcast to the women of her home town all the latest book reviews, fashions, news and recipes. As for that disgraceful golf score, she admits she's much better at her favorite sport, tobogganing.

Helen has been at LGH a year, and leaves this week with regret, but thrilled at the prospect of seeing her husband for the first time since he went overseas with the 780th Amphibious Tank Battalion. Before coming to Letterman, she worked with the Home Service Dept. of Red Cross as a volunteer. She became so interested in the work, she signed up with Civil Service and has enjoyed every minute of her work. "I had

exceptionally nice co-workers," Helen says. "Warren Conlin and Mrs. McCready were my greatest sources of help."

While her husband was away, Helen spent her spare time building her record collection. She's an omnivorous reader, so she now has a collection of books that rivals the record one in size. Every symphony and ballet performance, found La Jensen deeply engrossed in the goings-on. And lately she has been seen buzzing around the ceramics section of the OT shop. She admits that the initial phase, modeling in clay, intrigues her tremendously, and she now has in work some very attractive trays.

As soon as her husband returns, they plan to go to Los Angeles for about three months, then up to the Pacific Northwest. They have a ranch in Idaho, on the Lost River, so they'll head there for the summer. Traveling with them will be Skyco, the English cocker spaniel with the unpredictable personality. "He bites me at least once a week, regularly, but I still love him madly," says Helen.

We're going to miss the bright brand of Jensen cheer—and besides, whom can we get to write "Civil Circles"?

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: M/Sgt. Edward G. Brant, Sgt. Albert Valente, T/4th Gr. Paul A. Tyson and Philip G. Sjuist, Cpl. George R. Savine, T/5th Gr. Henry G. Greger and Michael Polomany, Pvts. Igancio P. Cannella and Sid G. Williams.

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points or length of service to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to separation centers during the past week: M/Sgt. Harry G. Thomas, T/Sgt. Douglas A. Beran, S/Sgts. Bernhard H. Oltman, Lowell Buettner, Joseph P. Sansone, Charles M. DeBell, Edward C. Vicary, Robert J. Harrington, Cleofante Tierno and Edward Blythin, Sgts. Lorrene A. Bechard, Julius Heintz, Dalton E. Poff, Bryon E. Hutchins, Ben Dembeck, Daniel J. Mahoney, Luverne D. Boland and Harry A. Steed, T/4th Gr. Charles D. Dickens, Herbert V. Keene, Arthur A. Gleim, Vigil Y. Kolb, Anthony S. Inerra and Herbert E. Osoke, Cpls. Lloyd J. Engle, Sal Lomeli, Roy W. Zeren, James M. Ward, Joseph Farina, Walter H. Lohrey, and James W. Hefner, T/5th Gr. Carrmen J. Minardi and John E. Peterson, Pvts. Ryman Kraus, Alfred J. Tessmer, John A. Lesko, Fred Reffer, WWilliam D. Cary, Charley N. Davis, EdEdward Icenogle, William S. Biggs, Clidinton O. Thornton, John O. Withworth, Floyd Thomas, Adam H. Schick, Alphonse J. Ceres, and Samuel CcCohen.

Furloughs are stilill the order of the day and the follllowing men left for their homes dduring the past week: Pvt. Hershel I.L. Thomas, with 25 days, T/4th Gr. Ralph J. Bault, with 23 days, Sgt. Frederick M. Kriel, with 18 days, Cpl. (George A. Leslie with 15 days and T/5th Gr. Leland D. Ziegler, with 7 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The former Sergeant Major Fred C. Jacobs paying a visit to his Alma Mater.

T/Sgt. Jack LaVelle getting to look like a typical army mess sergeant and already claiming that he is trying to reduce.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

The following facts were gleaned after several days' research at our local food dispensary. The eating habits of some of our more interesting civilian personalities are hereby published for all the world to see (what circulation!) and we feel that there is something really significant to be gained from this new knowledge in a hitherto unexplored field. Maybe a better understanding will arise among us and our little expose will have accomplished far more than we had hoped. Without further ado, we present our findings.

Vivian Halverson and Helen Beckman feel that variety is the prime factor in securing vitamins. Their first course, a Red Cross Special, is disposed of in the grill. Then they migrate to the PX for dessert.

Irene Wallace has a fetish for drinking grapefruit juice while munching a donut. This, we feel, signifies some hidden desire. Kay Hardy is a confirmed dunker and it is not unusual to see her toss off two bottles of milk without the flicker of an eyelash.

Breaded pork chops send Maggie Trumpour into ecstatic ravings and Lenice Rose is never happier than she is when pouring coffee over her ice cream. You will note here that the reverse of this practice is often seen, but Len frowns upon any deviation.

Ray Shine dotes on chocolate cake with his coffee, but being a man of many facets, he will venture trying other combinations with an unprejudiced mind.

Warren Conlin is a fiend for ice-cream cones. We feel that this discovery climaxes our efforts due to the fact that he attempts to hide this craving and when indulging in the delicacy, deviously winds his way through the corridors in order to avoid being seen. From this day forward, he need have no qualms about satisfying his yen in public.

We must tear ourselves away from this fascinating report long enough to devour a prosaic ham and tomato sandwich. Goodbye!

London (CNS)—Dummy airports designed to fool the Luftwaffe attracted more enemy air raids than actual RAF fields. Included in the deception were electrically ignited fires which simulated burning towns and other targets, on which Nazi fliers poured tons of bombs.

COL. BEATTY, ANOTHER OF THE OLD TIMERS, COMES BACK TO THE FOLD



Colonel GEORGE L. BEATTY, MC
Letterman "old timer" now back here in Replacement Pool.

Our king-size red carpet was rolled out a few weeks ago to welcome back Colonel George L. Beatty, who was stationed here once before in 1939 and 1940.

Colonel Beatty, a regular army man, came into the Medical Corps in 1932 and was assigned first to Fort Riley, Kansas. After that, he began traveling—one assignment sent him to duty in a CCC camp in Minnesota, after which he was sent to the medical school at Carlisle Barracks. Next came tours of duty at Fort Ethan Allan in Vermont and Scholfield Barracks in Hawaii. He returned to the Mainland for work at the Mayo Clinic during the early part of 1939, then came to Letterman in May of that year, assigned to surgery.

After he left LGH, he became Chief of Surgical Service at Camp San Luis Obispo, then was sent overseas in March '42.

In the Southwest Pacific, he was Chief of General Surgical Section and spent 20 months of more than three years overseas as Chief of Hospitalization Section in the Chief Surgeon's Office, training medical groups for work during amphibious landings. The last year, he spent commanding

the 27th General hospital, which was the University of Pittsburgh unit. He received the Bronze Star, and the unit received the meritorious service plaque for its splendid record at Hollandia. At Hollandia, Colonel Beatty's hospital was a 2200 bed installation, set in about 60 acres of hospital area. It was there about a year.

When Beatty and his group moved back to the Philippines, they were one of the first units to process our RAMPS, just after they had been released from Japanese camps.

He is best known to Letterman old timers for the animated discussions in which he took part by being a good listener. Colonel Gene Manning and Colonel Clinton S. Lyter, then Captains, used to hold daily noontime sessions, and Beatty was the neutral, silent member of the group!

The greatest interest the handsome Colonel has at the moment is plastic surgery, and he is anxious to get more training in the art. While he was overseas, he says, he saw a great need for more plastic work, so he had determined to specialize in it, if possible.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Alfred E. Melton, a daughter, **Janet Elizabeth**, weight 6 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 6 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James D. Keeter, a daughter, **Jackalin Lyn**, weight 7 pounds and 14¼ ounces, born 7 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. John K. Strickland, a son, **Peter Coe**, weight 7 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 7 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. August F. Bordonaro, a son, **Frank Paul**, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces, born 8 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ulric H. Reynolds, a daughter, **Carole Ellen**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 8 January.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Henry C. Suenderman, a son, **Charles Henry**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 8 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles S. Druck, a son, **Norman Steven**, weight 8 pounds and 13 ounces, born 9 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Alphonse Marx, a son, **Jeffrey Edward**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 9 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Anthony Tripoli, a daughter, **Diana Regina**, weight 6 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 9 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Harry P. Agruss, a daughter, **Judith Ilene**, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 10 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Wilbert H. Pearson, a daughter, **Marin**, weight 7 pounds and 11½ ounces, born 10 January.

To Major and Mrs. Arthur F. Reagan, a son, **Dennis Lauchlin**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 10 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Herman E. Nolen, a son, **Jeffrey Custer**, weight 7 pounds, born 10 January.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. See, a son, **Thomas Byron**, weight 7 pounds 5½ ounces, born 10 January.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. William L. Bilotti, a son, **Thomas Henry**, weight 7 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 11 January.

Activities of Army Medical Corps in Water Color Show

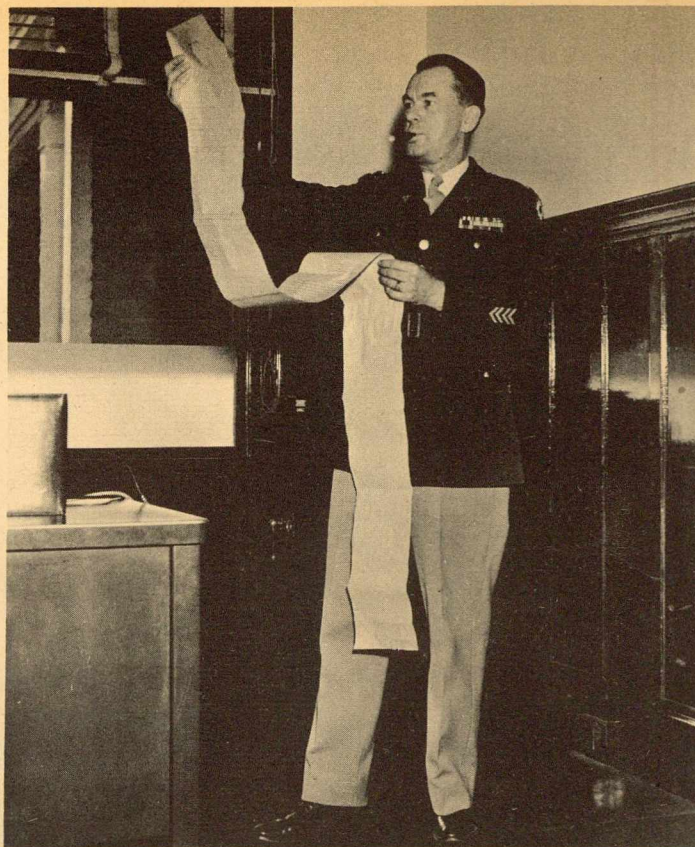
Depicting the important role played in the war by the army doctors, nurses and enlisted corpsmen of the Army Medical Department, an unusual exhibition of water colors, oil paintings and sketches will be placed on view Wednesday, January 23, at the M. H. De Young Memorial Museum. The collection will be open daily from 10 to 5 through February 17.

Twelve of the country's foremost artists, accredited as full fledged war correspondents, were assigned to overseas combat theaters and training centers throughout the United States. Armed only with palette and brush, they lived in New Guinea foxholes and Normandy cellars, and brought back powerful works of art. Such famous men as Lawrence Beall Smith, Joseph Hirsch, Robert Benney, Howard Baer and Franklin Boggs comprised the overseas group, and many of their canvases were done at the front during actual engagements.

The collection is known as the Abbott Collection of Paintings of Army Medicine, and the paintings were presented to the Army Medical Department in Washington. At the end of the tour, these works will be on display permanently in the capitol.

One of the outstanding paintings in the collection is that done by Joseph Hirsch, called "Company in the Parlor." It is a large oil painting showing doctors treating wounded men in a forward battalion aid station which had been set up inside the gaunt walls of a shell torn Italian farmhouse. Other works in the collection show scenes painted in the South Pacific, in the China-Burma, India sectors and here at home in the training centers at Camp Barkeley, Texas and Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Miss Marion Greenwood covered some of the hospitals here in the United States (England General hospital, Atlantic City) and Peter Blume was assigned to Halloran General hospital, Staten Island, New York.

Washington (CNS) — Master Gunnery Sgt Leland (Lou) Diamond, 55, who was called the perfect Marine by Gen A. A. Vandergrieff, commanding general of the corps, has been discharged. A veteran of the first World War, he won the tribute while leading a mortar platoon on Guadalcanal and Tulagi.



DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE TROUBLES?
How would you like to have to read a three yard telegram? Major Leslie D. Snyder, Director of Personnel, wonders if he can get this one digested before another of equal length comes in to cancel prior instructions and line up a new set.

The Wolf

by Sansone



MORE ABOUT DAINTY DIETITIANS

and took her training at the State College there. She interned at King County, Seattle, and has been in the army since March, 1943. After two years of work as a civilian dietitian, she joined Uncle Sam's forces to continue her work as a second lieutenant, and went to McCaw General hospital for two years. She spends her spare time and money collecting records, like her friend, Jean Iverson.

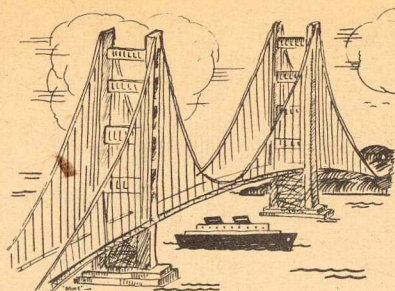
The other dietitian at Dante is Lt. "Kit" Fitzpatrick, formally known as Olga Helen. From Los Angeles originally, she trained at Alameda County hospital in Oakland. Kit worked as a civilian dietitian at Dante from January 1942 until June 1943, when she joined the army. Her plans for post war work are still in the indefinite stage—she **does** know that she's going to take off a few weeks and go home and lie on the beach!

The one civilian dietitian in the department is Mrs. Lavelle, who will have been here five years in March. She graduated from Clark College for Women in Iowa, which is her home state. She says she has remained a civilian in dietetics so she could be near her husband, who is stationed here. Mrs. L. is one of the best advertisements for the quality of food we serve here.

A word picture of the office itself would be useless without sound effects. The Kolorie Kids keep the place humming and one or the other is constantly under fire from a barrage of wise-cracks. With such a good natured group planning the menus, it's a cinch we'll never have any sour dishes!

Popular Pups Pay Plenty!

Pvt. Donald Artimez is branching out in the toy dog business! He and Sgt. George Bigelow started out on a small scale and wound up selling hundreds of their woolly yarn pups. Bigelow has been discharged, but Don, now in Ward 29, is still going strong with stock now available in Letterman's PX. His next outlet will be at Fort Mason, and from there — who knows? Just today came a special order from Hollywood, to follow up the eight he sold to Barbara Britton when she was here. Maybe Don will open a branch store in Movietown!



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Brig. Gen. Bliss is Appointed Deputy Surgeon General

Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General and Chief of Operations Service, has been appointed Deputy Surgeon General to succeed Major General George F. Lull, who requested his retirement after 33 years of service in the Medical Department, according to an announcement made by Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army.

In addition to his new responsibilities, General Bliss will continue to handle the duties of Assistant Surgeon General and Chief of Operations Service. His outstanding contributions to the achievements of the Medical Department in these capacities won him the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest non-combatant award. Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commanding General of the China Theater, made the presentation a few months ago in San Francisco just before they flew to China and other Pacific areas.

Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, May 17, 1888, General Bliss's Army career dates back to September of 1911, when he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps. He served on active duty in the Reserve Corps until 1913, when he became a First Lieutenant in the Regular Army Medical Corps.

His tours of duty included assignments to medical installations in this country as well as the Philippines and Hawaii. In October, 1921, he was detailed to the Hospital Division of the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., where he served for 18 months.

In November, 1936, General Bliss was transferred from Fort Sam Hous-



GENERAL STILLWELL
New Commanding General for the Western Defense Command presents the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second award of the Legion of Merit to Brigadier General C. C. Hillman at ceremonies held on Thursday afternoon.

ton, Texas, where he was Chief of Surgical Service, to William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, in the same capacity.

General Bliss went to London as Military Observer in September, 1940, and upon his return in January, 1941, was made Commanding Officer of the post hospital at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In February, 1942, he became Surgeon, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, Governors Island, New York.

In June of 1943 he was appointed Chief of Operations Service in The

Surgeon General's Office and shortly after that he assumed the duties of Assistant Surgeon General.

He received his M.D. from Tufts College, Boston, Massachusetts in 1910. When he went on active duty he entered the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C. In 1920, he entered Harvard Medical School for a special course in surgery and remained in Boston for study in surgical clinics there and further work at Harvard. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Tufts College in 1943.

Oak Leaf Cluster Is Awarded to General Hillman

General Joseph W. Stilwell, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, presented the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit to Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital in an impressive ceremony on the parade ground of the Presidio on Thursday afternoon.

General Hillman received the award, according to the citation read as General Stilwell pinned on the medal, "for developing an organization which provided superior medical service to patients from overseas, including recovered prisoners of war. By his outstanding devotion to duty, he contributed to the comfort and well being of our sick and wounded fighting men."

During the period of August 1944 to September 1945, Letterman General Hospital received and cared for approximately 82,000 men, 6,100 of them returned American prisoners of the Japanese.

At the same formation, General Stilwell also presented the following awards: Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously awarded to Private First Class Donald E. Breckenridge, received by his mother; Legion of Merit to Colonel Claude W. Feagin, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Western Defense Command; Legion of Merit to Colonel Ingemar E. Hobart; Legion of Merit to Lt. Colonel Gordon D. Ingraham; Silver Star to Mr. Austin F. Slane; Purple Heart to Private First Class Michael Twomey.

Debarkation Unit Still Functioning on Reduced Scale

By Jeanne Riha

Crissy annex, the trimly chequered reception - debarkation center for freshly unloaded Pacific vets, is a comparatively quiet spot these days, its hectic activity of only a few months ago dimmed to smooth hitchless, processing of an average weekly total of between 200 and 300 pa-

its peak in the March-October period of last year and then, with most of the war wounded home, settle back to smooth, calmer functioning. Before working in debarkation, Mrs. Cannon had been in the sick and wounded office, registrar's office and CDD section.

Assistant chief of the unit and direct supervisor of the enlisted men and women of the staff is 2nd Lt. Edward A. Clark, MAC, S/Sgt. Sigmund Arywitz, whose 14-month career at LGH has been spent in the debarkation unit, is chief clerk with T/4 Harry L. Meyers as his assistant.

ture, steaming away east bound on one of our own Army hospital trains. In between, the debarkation unit cuts orders on men going out and the evacuation section of the unit completes such pre-journey details as preparation of individual tags.

Captain Elizabeth Foster, a member of the nursing staff here 1 January 1942, has been head nurse at Crissy since mid-December; previously she was in orthopedics at the main hospital. Under her are three day, two night nurses and a Wac, the latter assigned to the women's ward, which at the moment holds 13 patients. In the "old" days Crissy

front with a view towards better Sunday morning fishing for patients is in progress.

In the arts and skills department patients are specializing these days in yarn creations, colorful dolls and animals, and in plastic jewelry. The leather shortage has precipitated the sudden interest in yarn and plastic



**Lt. Col.
ROBERT L. WHITFIELD, Jr.
Asst. Executive Officer**

tients with an occasional boatload bringing the total as high as 900.

Last October, when Ramp arrivals were at the peak, roughly 9300 patients passed through the annex; during the entire year 74,000 men were admitted and were sent on to hospitals nearer their homes; seriously ill cases went to the main hospital.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., who has headed the debarkation unit since returning from overseas about a year ago, recalls that personnel of the unit "have got many nice letters from patients thanking them for the treatment they received here."

Secretary to Colonel Whitfield, civilian supervisor of the unit and the only remaining member of the original staff is Mrs. Donna R. Cannon who came early in July 1944 when the debarkation unit was just being formed; it was then located in the main hospital and expectation of immense loads of wounded made its quick organization imperative.

Mrs. Cannon assisted in building up the unit, watched it grow in personnel and importance, saw it reach

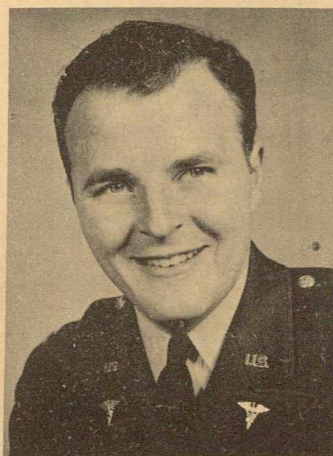


**Capt. ELIZABETH FOSTER
Supervisor of Nurses**

Heading the records section, which is responsible for getting patient information almost as soon as the patients themselves step off the boat, is 2nd Lt. Earl D. Jones. Sgt. James E. Lewis, who has been with the section since its organization, is chief non-commissioned officer but only for a short time more; his replacement will be Sgt. Julius Robbins, who is expecting to take over soon after Sgt. Lewis' discharge.

Second Lt. Rudolph Nystrom, Jr., as ship's arrival officer, is responsible for learning when and where and how many patients will dock and 2nd Lt. Elliot A. Shields, as patient evacuation officer, for informing various hospital departments of the number of men they will receive.

Four days normally elapse between the time patients arrive and depart; the first day is for arrival with all the processing that goes with it, the last for actual depart-



**Lieut. EDWARD A. CLARK
Assistant Chief**

sy had as many as 20 nurses.

Crissy, self-contained as it is, has its own recreational as well as functional facilities. Supply officer is 1st Lt. R. E. Elmore, MAC, and non-commissioned officer in charge is Cpl. Robert V. Jacobs.

The theater itself has been made more comfortable since its center aisle of wooden benches was replaced by rows of padded red leather seats.

One of the two mess halls formerly operating is closed but the annex still is famed for its food, still considered by Crissyites "the best on the post."

Business at the ever-popular telephone center has decreased with diminished population but still is proportionately large as is use of the library which features a view of the bay along with the books. Remodeling of the wharf on the bay



**Mrs. DONNA CANNON
Civilian Supervisor**

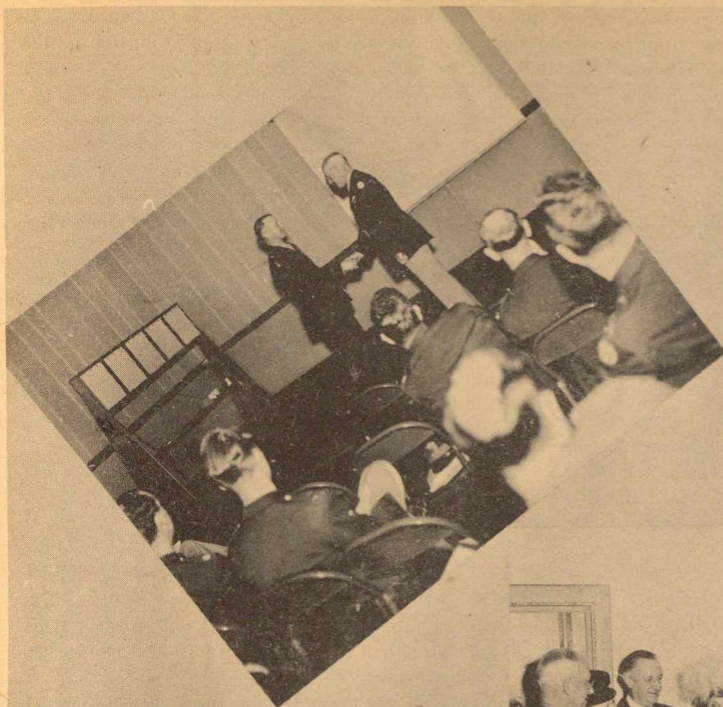
but Wac occupational therapists are satisfied with the situation since they feel it spreads creative interest over a larger territory.

At the entrance to the administration section of the debarkation unit is a small sign containing a notation appropriate for a hospital center which has taken in and sent out yearly totals of 74,000 war veterans. It states that the streets of Crissy were named in memory of officers and enlisted men of the 30th Infantry killed in the first war and decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross.

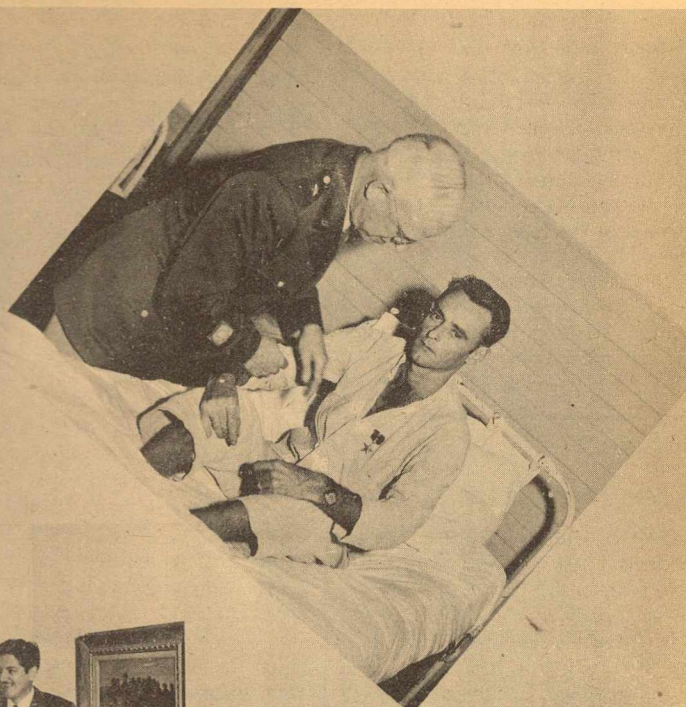
PWs, 50-Pointers Free On Return to U. S.

Washington (CNS) — Medium-point men sent home en route to the Pacific can be separated under a WD ruling which provides that EM with 50 or more points now on furlough or temporary duty in the states can get out. The WD also said that 25,000 men who were PWs for 60 days or longer will be released, provided their hospitalization and rehabilitation has been completed. No men with 21 months of service will be sent overseas unless they are graduates of Military Intelligence Language Schools, regular Army EM, or volunteers.

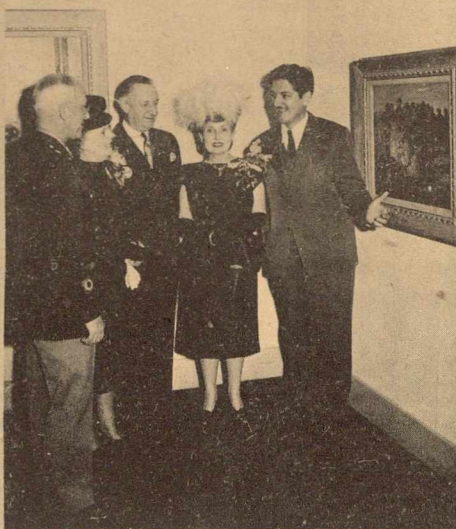
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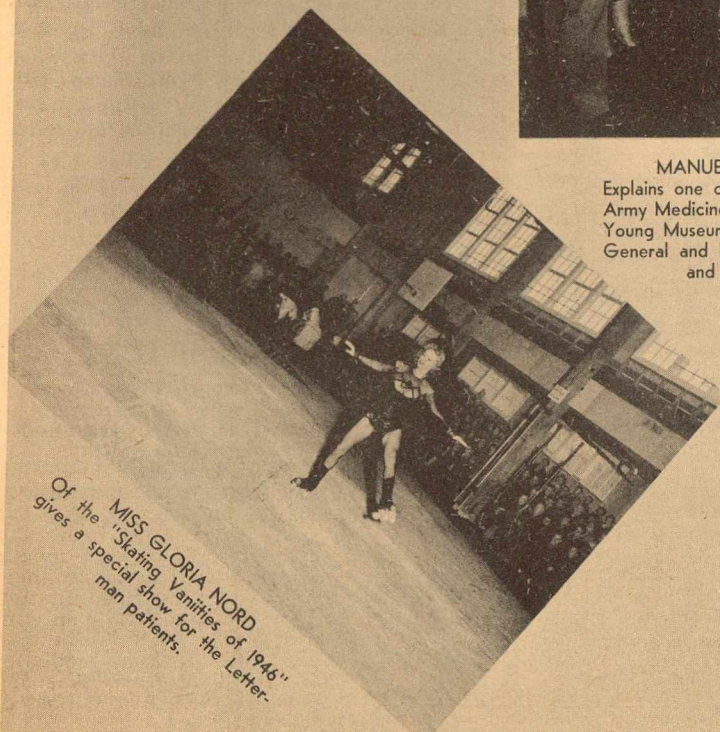
GEN. HILLMAN CONGRATULATES
Colonel William C. George on the
award of the Legion of Merit.



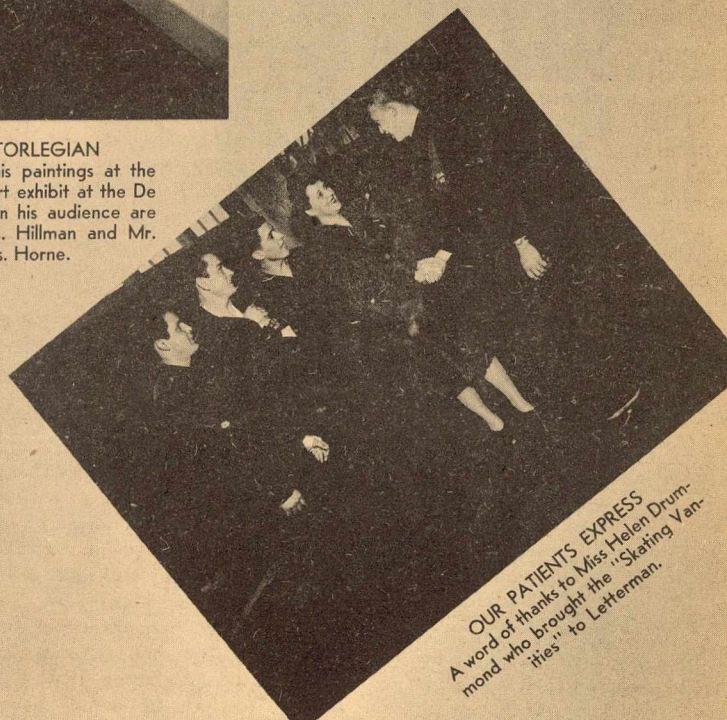
THE BRONZE STAR
For gallantry in action is presented to
Sgt. R. L. Haynes by the Command-
ing General.



MANUEL TORLEGIAN
Explains one of his paintings at the
Army Medicine art exhibit at the De
Young Museum. In his audience are
General and Mrs. Hillman and Mr.
and Mrs. Horne.



MISS GLORIA NORD
Of the "Skating Vanities of 1946"
gives a special show for the Letter-
man patients.



OUR PATIENTS EXPRESS
A word of thanks to Miss Helen Drum-
mond who brought the "Skating Van-
ities" to Letterman.

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EDITORIAL

The March of Dimes

With the campaign now in progress to gather funds for the support of the worthy work of research in the field of infantile paralysis we ask the generous co-operation of the personnel of Letterman.

According to official reports, more than 13,000 men, women, and children were victims of infantile paralysis in 1945, making it the fourth highest year on record. These figures are staggering in their implication of the magnitude of the problem faced by the scientists who are seeking both the cause and cure for this dread malady.

During the eight years of its existence, the National Foundation has disbursed over \$8,000,000.00 for research and education, and over \$2,000,000.00 for emergency aid in epidemics. In 1945 alone, local chapters disbursed close to \$5,000,000.00 for care and treatment of local poliomyelitis patients. One-half of all contributions in the annual March of Dimes remains with the local chapters for this important work.

We here at Letterman know the need for continuance of research as well as care for the afflicted. We have seen the dread results of poliomyelitis and are aware of the fight that lies ahead to stamp it out. We need not be told of the part we should play in urging others to support the March of Dimes.

But first let us start our own Dimes on that march.



Dressed in a blue velvet suit, Mary Tyrrell, former Letterman nurse discharged from service about a month ago, was married Sunday to Coast Guard officer Lt. Louis Sharpe, while four of her ex-colleagues watched the ceremony.

LGH nurses present at the San Jose wedding were Capt. May Hanawalt, Capt. Virginia Sanderson, Lt. Blanche Snyder and Lt. Rebecca Amend.

The couple's plans for the future are uncertain until Lt. Sharpe's discharge from the armed forces when they will move to South Carolina to live.

Two ANC majors, one a Regular Army nurse and the other a Reserve, both newly arrived at the hospital, were becoming acquainted with the post while they awaited duty assignments early this week.

Major Dora Noble, Regular Army nurse, was transferred here January 17 from McCaw General Hospital. She was previously stationed here in 1924 for a five-year tour of duty.

Major Florence Bussell of Riverside, Calif., who returned from the European theater last November and says "It's wonderful to be back!" came here from Camp Beale. Major Bussell was overseas a year, first in Scotland for a short time and later in France. She has been in ANC since September, 1941 and expects to be out in a few months.

Also added to the LGH staff are several ex-Camp Bealeites—1st Lts. Jean E. Hewquill, Eileen Jonatitiss and 2nd Lts. Rennee Hall, Angela Clutter and Ruth Willenberg. From Fort Sheridan came the new Dante Annex anesthetist, 1st Lt. Joyce C. Saindon.

LGH lost a few nurses last week, as every week, to separation centers scattered around the country. First Lt. Myrtle M. Martin reported to Camp Beale; 2nd Lt. Helen P. Kolar to Fort Des Moines and 1st Lts. Loretta Fitzgibbon and Margaret M. Wright to Fort Dix. Second Lt. Mary M. Weddle's separation from service is expected shortly.

On leave are Capt. Nina Aasen, 1st Lt. Eileen Badgett and 2nd Lts. Iris E. Inman and Odette Plaineacasagne while Capt. Blanche A. Hawkins and 2nd Lts. Marjorie A. Ratcliff and Eleanor Kronblad recently returned



Lieut. Roger M. Cox, chief of our Separation Section and six feet three, enjoying a visit from his "little" brother, Lieut. Tom Cox, only six feet one.

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Mr. "Bill" McClintic, home from the wars and reconverted to civilian life, having a spell of leisure at the quarters of his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Brown S. McClintic.

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Lieut. Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., Chief of the Surgical Service, back from a trip to the southland where he faced the State Board of Medical examiners—and with success, we hope.

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Colonel and Mrs. Charles K. Berle visiting old friends at Letterman before driving back to Springfield, Missouri where the colonel will assume command of O'Reilly General Hospital.

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Our one time commanding officer, Brig. General M. A. W. Shockley, back here in the role of patient.

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Colonel A. B. McKie, assistant Executive Officer in charge of Dante Annex, looking at a teletype message intimating he is on the way to ETO.

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Lieut. Cecelia J. Knaggs getting ready to get out of the service and beaming about it, too.

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Mr. Gaydos doing a great job at the PX Grill.

50 Australian Brides Of Yanks Return Home

BRISBANE, Australia (ALNS)—More than 50 Australian brides of American service men who had gone to the United States to join their husbands—have returned to Australia as the result of homesickness, disappointment and disillusionment. They found that the United States wasn't what they had been led to expect by viewing American motion pictures and reading American magazines.

from short vacations.

First Lt. Mary Burnett has arrived at her new station at Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, and 1st Lt. Frances Wagners is on her way to Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver for station.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 27, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Jose Iturbi

Graciously planing an all-request program, Jose Iturbi entertained the patients at the "Y" Wednesday with a full hour of magnificent music

Beginning with Chopin's "Minute Waltz", he followed with "Fantasie Impromptu" then played what he calls the Chopin version of the Freddie Martin recording, "Polonaise"

De Falla's "Fire Dance" preceded Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," which was requested almost unanimously by the huge crowd packed into the auditorium.

He finished the hour-long show with the theme of Tschaiowsky "Concerto in B Flat minor," and a super-special playing of "Back to Boogie."

Besides coming to Letterman, Mr. Iturbi played Oak Knoll Hospital, and Mare Island Naval Hospital, in addition to his concert commitments in the Bay Area. He has just finished "Holiday in Mexico" for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Joe And "Harvey"

Joe E. Brown and his pal, "Harvey," will come to Letterman Thursday, January 31 to open the new Information Series at the Recreation Hall. The program begins at 2:30.

Wounded Men Guests At Every Hockey Game

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ALNS)—Arrangements have been made by Memorial Post of The American Legion to reserve a block of 100 seats for every hockey game played here this season. These seats will be distributed for use by wounded World War II men in Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury and Billings General Hospital at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HAZEL ORMORD
Corporal

Cpl. Hazel Ormord, who used to teach WAC classes in map reading and in personal hygiene and military sanitation at Fort Des Moines, is the newly appointed barracks sergeant of Br. 213 as well as the all-around clerk of E.E.N.T.

Until her clerical assignment at LGH last November, Hazel's Army career had consisted wholly of cadre assignments. After finishing basic at Des Moines in March, 1944, she was one of five selected from the 180-member company to introduce green recruits to Army life at the training center.

Then, finishing that phase of cadre work, she was given her three-month instructor's job; 15 girls were chosen for that work from cadre of every company on the post.

Hazel remembers several incidents from her teaching term. She was teaching a class in map reading one afternoon when a party that included two generals and several other high rankers invaded the classroom. Hazel remembers swallowing hard and feeling "just about scared out of my wits" but she went on lecturing and was later commended on her composure.

Another time she had to instruct a classroom of officers in map reading and recalls, "I actually felt my knees shaking under my skirt."

Her last job before coming into the Army was in a war plant in her home town of Waterloo, Iowa. She started there operating a machine but the work was so strenuous and she was so small, physically, that the strain brought about an appendicitis attack that necessitated an operation. When she went back to work it was as shop clerk in the plant.

Hazel's post-Army career centers about college for work either as a dress designer or interior decorator; her special interest in high school was art.

FOURTEEN MORE ARMY HOSPITALS ORDERED CLOSED BY MARCH 31ST

Fourteen additional Army General Hospitals, three annexes to General Hospitals and four Convalescent Hospitals will be closed by March 31, 1946, according to present Army Medical Department plans, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, has announced.

In accordance with The Surgeon General's policy of releasing these hospitals as rapidly as the decrease in the patient load justifies, these units will be offered to the Veterans Administration or else reported to the Surplus Property Administration for disposal.

Out of a wartime peak of 65 General Hospitals operated by the Army Medical Department, 20 have already been closed. In addition, out of a peak of 3 Army Service Forces Convalescent Hospitals, three have already been closed.

The closing of these 14 General Hospitals, three annexes and four Convalescent Hospitals will result in a reduction of approximately 38,000 beds in General Hospitals and 6,500 in Convalescent Hospitals.

After the evacuation of all transportable cases from overseas theaters there were approximately 121,400 patients in Army General and Convalescent Hospitals at the first of the year. It is estimated that there will be approximately 38,700 on June 1, 1946. The peak patient load in Army Hospitals in the United States was reached in August, 1945 with a total census of 315,000.

There will be a lapse of 60 days between the dates on which the hospitals will be closed and the dates on which they will be declared surplus to the needs of the War Department, in order to allow time for handling transfer of property and other administrative details.

The following General Hospitals will be released by February 28: Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana (will revert to station hospital status to serve the needs of Fort Benjamin Harrison); Camp Butner General Hospital, Camp Butner, North Carolina.

The following are scheduled for closure by March 31: Camp Edwards General Hospital, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts (will revert to station hospital status to serve the needs of Camp Edwards); Thomas M. England General Hospital, Atlantic City, New Jersey; McGuire General

Hospital, Richmond, Virginia; Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Virginia; Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio; Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky; Vaughan General Hospital, Hines, Illinois; Camp Carson General Hospital, Camp Carson, Colorado; Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa; McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas; and Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, California.

The following closures include the annexes only, not the General Hospitals: Edgewood Annex to Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, Long Island, New York; Daniel Field Annex to Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia; and Eastman Annex to Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The following Convalescent Hospitals are scheduled for closure by March 31: Camp Edwards Convalescent Hospital, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts; Fort Story Convalescent Hospital, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Camp Carson Convalescent Hospital, Camp Carson, Colorado; and Mitchell Convalescent Hospital, Camp Lockett, California.

Schools

Varied academic and business courses opened for patients this week in Building 1049 under the sponsorship of the Educational Reconditioning branch which also announced the admission of patients to off-the-post classes at Gompers Trade School.

Schedule of classes on the post includes:

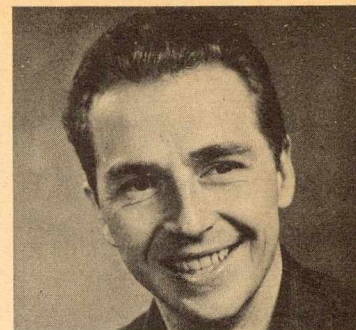
Spanish	1300
French	1400
Spanish	1500
Typing	1300
Typing	1400
English	1300
Math	1400
Projection	0900

All classes meet Monday through Friday.

Passes are required to attend classes at Gompers Trade School, for which patients have already begun registering.

Transportation is provided to the school.

ON THE SPOT



LAWRENCE ATKINS
Pvt.

When actress Barbara Britton left Ward E-1 after a visit there during her tour of Letterman, she made a most flattering comment about handsome Pvt. Lawrence Atkins. "He'd be terrific in technicolor!" she exclaimed, "with that light hair and brown eyes . . ."

This possible Hollywood material has been in residence at Letterman about two months, and has been in the army ten months altogether. While he was occupying the end bed in Ward E-1, he was surrounded by pictures of his pretty wife and 3½ year old daughter, Faye, named after the favorite family movie star, Alice Faye.

Right there, though, the Hollywood influence vanishes. Larry is a down-to-earth solid citizen who held down a variety of jobs in civilian life. After he left school, he wanted to get work that would keep him in the great outdoors, and because one of his greatest joys in life is fishing, he became an oysterman, with his activities based around the Rappahannock River. Came the war, and Larry got busy working in ship yards as an acetylene welder. He worked in Newport News for five years, then joined Uncle Sam's official army.

Right now, he's dreaming of getting away on a hunting and fishing trip. He's strictly a salt water man, when it comes to luring the finny folk onto his line.

His plans for the future are quite definite. He's going back to his father's chicken farm with some brand new ideas for expanding activities there. He'll be a good man to know if the egg shortage keeps on much longer!

Wilmington, Del (CNS) — The housing shortage has reached such extremes here that one local resident commutes every night to New York just so he can sleep on the train.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Movement and change were the law of the detachment again this week as brides came back from furlough-length honeymoons to move their bags to an uptown apartment or begin to pack for the last time, as new diamonds glittered on third fingers, and as more empty beds appeared in the barracks with the furlough departures of a score of girls.

Josephine S. Jacobs is planning a furlough to Texas in the near future; she had originally scheduled it for February 1 and then moved it up to the fourth "to give me a chance to get my nylons, I hope."

On furlough now are Geraldine L. Eaton, Nannie L. Felty, June A. Johnson, Ethel M. Lee, Patricia A. Quinn, Ossie Mae Sides, Lilia G. Sparks, Ingrid M. Slaasted, Evelyn M. Szymezak and Jean F. Welch. Margaret Roskopf and Nickie Mohler just returned from Washington, D. C. Eleanor Egan, recently married to William Taylor, has moved to an apartment on the post. Now living off the post with her new husband is Ann Yard, recently married in her home town, Mountainville.

Getting their things together early this week in preparation for departure to the separation center at Fort Des Moines Wednesday were Elaine Alpaugh, Frankie Grove, Orleta Moss and Pat Stevens. Elaine expects her husband to be out of the navy about the time she is discharged from the army; they plan to live in Washington.

Mildred Beckrich was back early this week from a three-day pass spent at Camp Roberts where she visited her brother—whom she terms a "rookie" with two months' army service . . . Jane Oxford spent the early part of the week in the hospital with laryngitis . . . barracks chums helped Lurline Nobles celebrate her 21st birthday Monday night by eating the bedecked cake she received from home.

Nazis Indicted for 'Genocide'

London (CNS) — Officials who drew up the indictment of the 24 Nazis accused of being war criminals had to coin a new word to cover their crimes. It's "genocide," from the Greek, "genos," meaning race, and the Latin, "cidere," meaning to kill. And, of course, it means "the extermination of racial and national groups."

BEATING THE BUSHES BRINGS BACK BETTE BYERS OF BURLINGAME



T/5 BETTE BYERS
Latest addition to the FOGHORN staff

The master minds who make up the FOGHORN have long felt a great lack in the personnel serving the staff. We really needed a Native Daughter of the Golden West on our staff and today we proudly announce her arrival. We would have been glad to get a native daughter but to get a native daughter from San Francisco, well— isn't that something?

Technician 5th Grade Bette J. Byers, our newest acquisition, was born in San Francisco and attended grammar school here. With her family she moved to Burlingame and in time graduated from Burlingame High School. Her earliest association with the aroma of printer's ink came about when she was writing a series of feature stories about the 1939 Exposition for the Burlingame "Advance" and she is very happy to get back to her first love—writing.

Just a little over a year ago Bette joined the WAC during the recruiting campaign calling for technicians to assist with the care of the sick

and wounded in Army hospitals. Her basic training was taken at Fort Des Moines and on completion she was sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, to attend the Medical Department Technicians School. After graduation she remained for a time as an instructor before being assigned to Percy Jones General Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. In September of last year she was transferred to Hammond General Hospital at Modesto and remained there until the hospital was inactivated.

As a member of the FOGHORN staff it will be Bette's job to keep her eyes and ears open for everything that might be grist for our mill. As an accomplished steno she may take verbatim notes on the spot for all quotations, so no one may retort "I never said that." If Bette has it down—you said it—period.

When Bette is not at work she goes in for sports in a big way, with tennis and swimming her particular favorites. At Burlingame she played basketball and we hope to have her on our WAC team after a little lim-

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgts. Harry Fabri, and Joseph G. Murray, Sgts. Ora M. Grove, Roy A. Hall, Leonard Farber, T/4th Gr. Sidney H. Thorne, Karl L. Bronson, Francis H. Killary, August E. Borghesi and Champ V. Parker, Cpl. Reno Piochi, T/5th Gr. Gerard Provence, Pvts. Rufus N. Rose, George F. Baldwin, Harold W. Brest, Frank P. Koch and Ira R. White.

The following are the "lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points or length of service to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to separation centers during the past week: T/Sgt. George L. Fleishauer, Cpls. Joseph L. Bianchini, James B. Manning, Victor Vitol, Julian A. Pelak, and Dave M. Bernstein, Pvts. Connie M. Mateo, James C. Fletcher, Henry P. Vernet, Leo C. Pouliot, Lawrence D. McDowell, Ernest L. Smith and Philip J. Wolf.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Jay Y. Connell back on duty after spending his reenlistment furlough visiting all his relatives and is now ready to hit the ball for the next three years.

Pfc. Elmer A. Forkner now a patient over at the annex. Hope to see you up and around soon, Elmer.

S/Sgt. Angelo Leone trying to see if he can out talk Sgt. John Perkins but so far he is having a tough time.

Sgt. Harry Agruss off on furlough for 10 days to learn how to bring up a baby.

M/Sgt. William T. Rodgers back on the job as N.C.O. in charge of the guard after spending his reenlistment furlough at home.

T/3rd Gr. Kenneth R. Terry of the Dental Annex now has the cast off his right leg and saying that he has given up basketball for checkers—so he won't break any more bones.

bering up. We might also mention that she has a dimple right in the middle of her chin.

In search of help we beat the bushes and brought back Bette Byers of Burlingame.

Col. George Given Legion of Merit At Ceremonies Here

Presentations that included the rare award of Legion of Merit in addition to two awards of the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts were made this week at Letterman.

On Monday afternoon in the Staff Room, Brig. General Charles C. Hillman presented Colonel William S. George, MC, assistant chief of the Medical Service here, with the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945" as commanding officer of the 97th Evacuation Hospital (Semi mobile) in the European Theatre of Operations.

Colonel George was cited as having "achieved a high degree of efficiency of his unit thus contributing in a great measure toward the smooth functioning of the hospital under trying conditions."

"His aid in the construction of mechanical devices with a view toward the improvement of the hospital and care of the patients was invaluable. Colonel George's improvisation of the portable Gatch bed was one which directly was responsible for saving many lives."

At a ceremony in the office of the Commanding General on Wednesday afternoon, Bronze Star medals were presented to T/5 George A. Currison and Pfc George G. Montgomery and Purple Heart medals to Pfc's John W. Nelson and Woodrow C. Bauman and Pvt. Ernest Lane.

The citation accompanying the award to T/5 Currison read in part: "For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 May 1943 during the Attu operation . . . With complete disregard for his own safety, T/5 Currison, without hesitation, crawled forward to administer first aid to the wounded and comfort to the dying men."

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, February 2, and on Saturday, February 16 at 9 p.m.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.

Junior hostesses will welcome you.

SGT. ARYWITZ DISCLOSES HIS PAST WHILE WE UNCOVER THE PRESENT



Staff Sgt. SIGMUND ARYWITZ
Chief Clerk at Crissy Annex Debarkation Unit

When it comes to hiding one's light under a bushel we will have to hand the palm to Staff Sergeant Sigmund Arywitz, Chief Clerk of the Receiving & Evacuation Division, who has worked in the shadows of Crissy Annex when he might have been well up in the bright lights of the main hospital.

Sgt. Arywitz is a native of Buffalo, New York, and spent some of his student days at the New York State Teachers' College and the University of Buffalo before going down to the City College at New York. He entered the newspaper field in Buffalo and stayed with it in the old home town until the lure of Hollywood brought him west and he remains a westerner to date.

He was with Universal Studios as a reader, then engaged in publicity and promotion of west coast activities for eastern readers, and finally had a paper of his own—The Hollywood Journal—when Uncle Sam sent the formal "Greetings" in October, 1942.

His military career began at Fort

MacArthur for a brief period and then he moved over to the West Los Angeles Area Station Hospital where he worked with our present deputy commander, Colonel Brown S. McClintic, who was the commanding officer there. Arywitz remained until the hospital was inactivated and then went to Mitchell Convalescent Hospital for a three months' tour before being assigned to Letterman.

The sergeant has been with the Receiving & Evacuation Division ever since he joined the command. He has played a large part in evolving the technique for handling large numbers of patients in a minimum of time. It may not be true that he could recall the code designations of all patients present at any given time but he carried in his head more information about them than most of the others could assimilate.

He does his best thinking when he has a cigar in his mouth and no one has seen him in waking moments without that cigar. The conclusion is plain—he is always thinking up ways to make the R & E better and better.



To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Chauncey L. Griggs, a son, **Mark Leavenworth**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 11 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Guy W. Hoagland, a daughter, **Susan Marie**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 12 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Timothy J. Manning, a daughter, **Colleen Marie**, weight 6 pounds and 8¼ ounces, born 12 January.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Sanderson, a daughter, **Carol Lyn**, weight 6 pounds and 9¼ ounces, born 12 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Norman F. Bundgard, a daughter, **Frances Elaine**, weight 6 pounds and 7¼ ounces, born 13 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon C. Knight, a daughter, **Gail Ethel**, weight 6 pounds and 15¼ ounces, born 13 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Carl E. Hollihan, a son, **Kirk Edward**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 14 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Roland C. Bennett, a son, **Danny Carlyle**, weight 7 pounds and 14¼ ounces, born 14 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Roland C. Smith, a son, **Michael Haun**, weight 6 pounds, born 14 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald E. Pinkerton, a son, **Donald Edwin, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 14 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Alfred F. Porter, a daughter, **Kathryn Martha**, weight 6 pounds and 14¼ ounces, born 14 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ronald J. Reynolds, a daughter, **Jane Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 14 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert C. Beller, a son, **Robert Charles**, weight 7 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 15 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. John P. Kohler, a daughter, **Marcia Ellen**, weight 7 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 15 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph E. Stabile, a daughter, **Toni Lynn**, weight 8 pounds and 14 ounces, born 15 January.

Former Prisoner of Japs Joins the Navy

BURBANK, Calif. (ALNS)—Jay Hill, age 20, enlisted in the navy to keep from being drafted in the army. Hill spent three years in a Jap prison camp. His brother John, also an internee in a Jap prison camp, already has been drafted. They are the sons of an attorney who practiced in Manila.

Canada to Take the Alcan Highway Over

OTTAWA, Ont. (ALNS)—It has been announced here in the capital city of the Dominion of Canada that responsibility for maintaining the Alcan highway, built by the United States at a cost of \$115,000,000, will pass from the American army to the Canadian army on April 1, 1946. No decision has been made as to possible civilian use of the road.

Yank Generals Get Degrees at Oxford

OXFORD, England (ALNS)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Mark Clark and U. S. Ambassador John Winant were given honorary degrees by Oxford University recently, together with several noted Britons of the military establishment.

Capital Denizens Do Like Their Whiskey

WASHINGTON (ALNS)—Backing up the claim of Rev. W. S. Abernethy, Baptist minister here, that Washington was the wettest city in the nation, Dr. Clinton N. Howard produced statistics to show that in 1942 the per capita drinking average for the country was 1.08 gallons of hard liquor—but in Washington the per capita consumption was 4.42 gallons per capita.

GI Toast: Here's to the photos in my wallet; may they never meet.—*Air Base News*, JAAB, Jackson, Miss.

She was working her way through college selling *Collier's*, but all the fellows wanted to take were *Liberty's*.—*The Beacon*, Grenier Field, N. H.

As a rule, women diet either to retain their girlish figures or their boyish husbands.—*Camp Ellis* (Ill.) *News*.

SGT. KAHMAN HAS OWN SYSTEM TO LOCATE STAMPS IN HIS COLLECTION



Sgt. CHARLES J. KAHMAN
Looking over his valuable collection of stamps

Goaded by a fascination for the beautiful and the colorful, Sgt. Charles J. Kahman, patient on Ward K-2, has gathered together from domestic and foreign sources an approximate 12,000-piece stamp collection worth \$1,200 in cash and eight years in effort.

Four years before the war began, Sgt. Kahman started trading and saving stamps and pasting them into the immense book that, though it approximates a San Francisco directory in size, is still familiar enough to its owner for him to find the exact page with the exact stamp in the slimmest of split seconds. In civilian days he was a stamp enthusiast of the Philatelic Society of Chicago.

He has representative stamps from all the countries of the world, specializes in American numbers and for beauty alone chooses the highly vivid stamps of Spain and Italy.

Especially noteworthy, Sgt. Kahman thinks, is the series on national parks, bearing miniature scenes; the wide blue UNO stamp issued in honor of the world conference here last spring; the series commemorating liberation of 2 former Nazi and Nip-occupied countries, and a set of bright Spanish stamps bearing portraits of former popes and kings.

The last are semi-postage stamps, meaning, the sergeant explains, "They're issued by the government mostly for a little extra revenue and never appear on mail."

Along with one of the Russian stamps goes a significant bit of modern Soviet history. General Wrangel, the last hope of the Czar army, was defeated by the Soviets but took his army and miniature government to Turkey where, pressed for funds, he converted old Russian stamp issues into postal communication between the refugees.

"Wrangel and his government have passed away," says the note accompanying the stamp, "but the stamps still remain, most of them tucked away in the album of collectors—romantic symbols of a lost cause."

Sgt. Kahman, who knows about monetary as well as appreciative value of his collection, says that in 10 years stamp stocks become thinned enough to double in price. In Europe especially where stamp reserves and plates alike were destroyed by bombing, many varieties of stamps have become valuable because of their rarity.

An ex-Golden Glove boxer, Sgt. Kahman went into service about a week after Pearl Harbor, served in the Pacific almost three years, and was returned to the states for leg wound treatment in December, 1944. At DeWitt, where he was hospitalized until coming to Letterman two months ago, he expanded his collection by trading with five other stamp enthusiasts.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Managing to get back into the swing of things in the laboratory after a two months leave of absence is "Midge" Fawcett, who spent her vacation with her family in Rochester, Minnesota and then returned by plane.

In the main library congratulations go to Mrs. Gail Knight, now the grandmother of a baby girl—her namesake. Also more excitement as Myrtle Knight rejoices over the return of her brother from overseas.

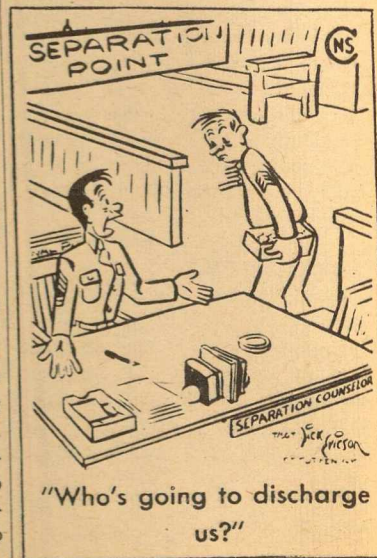
Adieu is bid to "Millie" Ross, a long time Lettermanite, who is leaving for her home in the Middle West. "Millie" has been working in the Dietetic Branch.

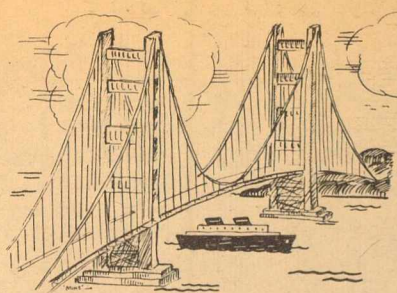
"Don't Fence Me In" seems to be "Ace" Guths theme song the past few weeks after making adjustment in her new office of the EENT Branch.

Enjoying the bridle paths and the sound of horses hoofs, our equestriennes from the Dental Branch—Ellen Bauer and Vivian Wreden spent a strenuous Saturday afternoon.

Constance Arnold, from McCaw General Hospital, and Mildred Reynolds, from Baxter General Hospital, are welcomed to LGH where they will take up duties in the Occupational Therapy Branch.

They say the sergeant married her because her rich uncle left her a million. But the sergeant says he would have married her, no matter who left it to her.—*Mechanews*, Amarillo, Texas.





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Decorations And Awards Presented by General Hillman

At ceremonies held in the office of the Commanding General on Tuesday afternoon, five veterans in combat service were awarded recognition for their deeds by receiving medals from the hand of Brigadier General C. C. Hillman. The citations accompanying the awards were read by 1st Lt. Tyre Watson, Jr., ADC.

T/Sgt. Walter F. Sternadel, of West, Texas, was awarded the Bronze Star for rescuing three members of his daylight patrol who were trapped within a house as a result of enemy machine-gun fire at Saarlautern, Germany, on March 12, 1945. The sergeant circled the building from which the enemy fire was coming, thus drawing fire upon himself and another member of his patrol. Undaunted by crossfire from the enemy which was pinning down his men, Sgt. Sternadel threw smoke grenades and concentrated his sub-machine-gun upon the enemy until the trapped men could return to safety.

The second recipient of the Bronze Star award was Sgt. Dorsey E. Arthur, of Los Angeles, California, who mined roads and blew up bridges behind the enemy lines in the Philippines in December, 1944. The Bronze Star was also awarded to Pvt. Charles H. Hames, of Venice, California.

The Purple Heart award was received by Pfc. John W. Nelson, who was wounded by enemy machine-gun fire while acting as first scout in Southern Germany on April 13, 1945. Pfc. Nelson's home is in Needles, California. Pfc. Jesse P. Hyles, of Redondo Beach, California, was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds inflicted by shrapnel at Belgium in December, 1945.



Colonel FLORENCE A. BLANCHFIELD, AUS
Director of Nursing Service, U. S. Army

At ceremonies held on Thursday afternoon, the Commanding General awarded the medal of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action to the following named enlisted men:

T/Sgt. Benjamin F. Kimmerle, AAF, Springfield, Ohio, wounded in Japanese Prisoner of War Camp, Yokichi, Japan, June 1945; Cpl. Hal G. Godsey, FA, Paso Robles, California, wounded at Minta, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, 5 June 1945; Pfc. Emmett B. Leath, Inf., Oakland, California, wounded near Rohr River, Germany, 9 February 1945; Pfc. Leon X. Gadiot, Inf., Hollywood,

California, wounded on Luzon, Philippine Islands, 25 May 1945; Pfc. John Alatore, Inf., Selma, California, wounded at Mindanao, Philippine Islands, 2 May 1945; Pfc. Herbert Margolis, Inf., Los Angeles, California, wounded at Alabang, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 15 June 1945; Pfc. Leonard D. Angell, Inf., San Diego, California, wounded on Okinawa Island, 27 June 1945; Pvt. William B. Colebrook, Inf., Culver City, California, wounded at Bastogne, Belgium, 21 December 1944; Pvt. Joseph Y. Lujan, Inf., Redlands, California, wounded at Bastogne, Belgium, 3 January 1945.

Joe E. Brown is First Guest on New Speaker Program

Joe E. Brown came to Letterman General Hospital Thursday to initiate the Information and Orientation series, a course of lectures being presented to acquaint patients and duty personnel with the principal current topics of today.

Speaking before a record audience of 900, Joe explained that he wanted to contribute whatever he could in the way of information or encouragement to help the men get started in civilian life, and cautioned them not to expect any special favors from employers because of their physical handicaps.

Joe emphasized the importance of preparation for the future. Patients should take advantage of the opportunities offered them by the Reconditioning Division, he said, so that they can use their convalescence time to help themselves become expert in their chosen line of work. While they are in the hospital, they can acquire extensive information on many types of jobs and discover whether or not they are qualified for them before they are discharged.

Then Joe, speaking on behalf of the men, asked what is being done along these lines, and Commanding General C. C. Hillman answered him with the assurance that the outstanding men in every type of business in San Francisco will be brought to Letterman to give the patients the up-to-the-minute facts about their chosen vocations.

In the future, General Hillman emphasized, the patient will not waste his free time but will have the best counseling available in assisting him to decide his civilian vocation.

Joe spent the rest of the afternoon visiting patients confined to their beds in the wards.

The Army Nurse Corps is Forty-Five Years Old Today

Today marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Army Nurse Corps. Today nurses are commissioned officers of the Army with all rights and prerogatives inherent in their grades. It was a long road that had to be traveled before the nurse reached her present status in military circles.

Although organized military nursing is less than 100 years old, it is well known that American women have cared for our soldiers in every war in which this nation has been engaged.

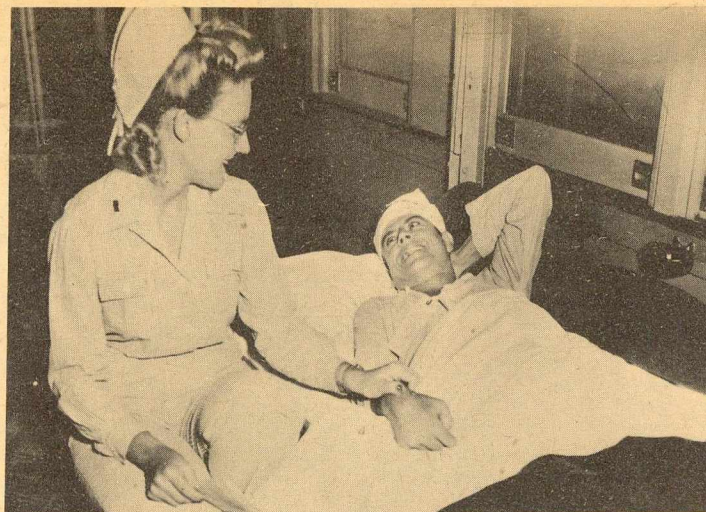
In 1775 a bill was adopted by Congress which created a hospital department for the Army and called for, among others, a matron to supervise the nurses and nurses to attend the sick and obey the matron's orders.

Later when General Gates reported on conditions on the northern frontier, one of his major points was that the sick suffered much for want of good female nurses, so apparently the provision in the hospital bill for the appointment of nurses was by no means adequate for the work at hand.

In the Civil War we find the story of women nurses to be a feature of individual devotion combined with a lack of unified organization. At the very outbreak of the war, Miss Dorothea Dix, who already had achieved a Nation-wide reputation as an effective crusader for better conditions in the care and treatment of the insane, was appointed superintendent of women nurses, "to select and assign women nurses to general or permanent military hospitals, they not to be employed in such hospitals without her sanction and approval, except in cases of urgent need."

Miss Dix, a woman of the highest integrity, found herself in the difficult position of having great personal authority, but with no functioning organization behind her. She had been assigned an impossible task, and her accomplishments are the more remarkable in the face of it. Due to the lack of a single unified corps with official status, policy was determined by the individual medical officers on the spot, and their attitude ranged from grateful cooperation in some cases to indifference or downright hostility in others.

The administrative picture is fur-



Hospital Train Nurse and Patient

ther confused by the fact that, in addition to those nurses who had been approved by Miss Dix or the medical authorities, there were other groups doing similar or related work: the Sisters of Charity; casual employees; women who simply accompanied regiments without any official standing whatever; and employees of the U. S. Sanitary and other Commissions which were semi-private welfare agencies.

The record of the nurses in the Spanish-American War was such as to convince the last of the skeptics, if such remained, of not only the propriety but the necessity of women in military nursing. The organization of the Army Nurse Corps as an integral part of the Army was the direct outgrowth of the lessons learned during that war, which bore out the findings of observers of the Civil War experience, that unified direction and control within the Army framework itself was the only way to avoid administrative confusion and assure maximum efficiency in the care of the sick and wounded.

At the outbreak of the war Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, director of the Hospital Corps of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was entrusted with the responsibility of passing on the qualifications of nurses who sought appointment as nurses under contract to the Army, a role not unlike that of Dorothea Dix in the Civil War. Only graduate nurses endorsed by their schools were accepted, assuring a high standard of professional competence. These nurses received thirty dollars

a month, plus rations, and Dr. McGee's efforts were so successful that within about two weeks of taking office, she had a force of twelve hundred nurses.

However, a considerable volume of nursing assistance was forthcoming from private sources. The fact that "contract" nurses were subject to Army control and regulation, while the others were paid by private sources and were subject to orders from private individuals, did not make for the utmost in harmony and efficiency, to say the least. This, coupled with the recognition of the indisputable value of women nurses, made it imperative that the status of the Army nurse be clarified and officially regulated. Dr. McGee, who had been appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon, herself wrote the section dealing with the Nurse Corps of the Army organization bill, passed in February 1901, which established the Nurse Corps as a definite component of the Army.

The confused administrative picture, and the frictions inevitably arising between rival groups, should not be permitted to obscure the picture of devoted and heroic service, both at home and abroad, created by the nurses of '98. Contract nurses served in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines, as well as on the hospital ship "Relief." Thirteen nurses died in the service, one of whom had allowed herself to be infected in the interest of yellow fever research, and died a martyr to science and to humanity.

When the United States declared

war on Germany in 1917 there were only 403 nurses in the Corps, and even this small number represented an increase of 100 per cent brought about by the Mexican Border crisis. Within eighteen months the number had increased to 21,480.

These bare statistics indicate an undertaking of unprecedented proportions, and one which would have been almost impossible without the unified control provided by the comparatively recently organized Corps.

Only graduate nurses were accepted, and they were assigned to cantonment, general and special military hospitals located in all parts of the United States. Of these nurses, 10,400 were sent overseas, and served in England, France, Italy, Belgium, and Siberia. They were assigned to base, evacuation, mobile, camp and convalescent hospitals, and to casualty clearing stations. They also served on hospital trains, transports, and with surgical teams in field hospitals.

In recognition of their outstanding work in World War I, relative rank for members of the Army Nurse Corps was provided by Congress in an amendment to the National Defense Act on June 4, 1920, placing them on the status of officers and adding much to the prestige of the Corps, even though the pay and allowances were not the same as for the men. Thus, the position of the Army nurse, which from its beginning had been one of dignity, was improved by definitely fixing the status of the nurse and giving formal recognition to the place of the Corps in the military establishment. All nurses with the Army are now Army nurses—members of the Army Nurse Corps. By act of Congress, retirement for length of service and disability is now granted to Army nurses, and on June 22, 1944, President Roosevelt signed a bill giving real instead of relative rank to officers of the Corps for the duration of the war. This became effective July 10, 1944.

Following World War I, the Nurse Corps, like the rest of the Army, gradually decreased in size, until in 1939 the membership had dropped to 625. When the National Emergency was declared in 1939, the Nurse Corps was authorized to increase to 949 but in 1940 it became necessary to appoint reserve nurses

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Nurses of The Regular Army Now on The Letterman Staff



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ANN A. BENTON
Major, ANC



MARY G. LOHR
Captain, ANC



ELIZABETH JOHNSON
Captain, ANC



REBECCA CHAMBERLAIN
1st Lieut., ANC



Lieut. Col. ELSIE E. SCHNEIDER, ANC
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EDITORIAL

Many Happy Returns

Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General, United States Army, pays the following tribute to the Army nurses on the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Army Nurse Corps:

"For 45 years Army nurses have been giving nursing care to the Army's sick and wounded soldiers. I have personally worked with them on hospital wards, in operating rooms and in executive positions. No matter where I have found them, they have always done a superb job.

"The Medical Department has made a superior record during World War II and we are proud of it, but we know that it was accomplished by team work,—the team-work of doctors, nurses and enlisted soldiers of the Medical Department. Any two without the other would have been perceptibly less effective. I want to pay tribute to all Army nurses today,—not only to the nurses who served in World War II, but to all nurses who have served the Army during peace and in World War I. More than 100,000 nurses have served in the Army Nurse Corps since it was militarized in 1901 and nearly 1,000 nurses served on a civilian status during the Spanish American War. Many of these women are now dead or have retired, but they are nonetheless deserving to share in the glory of the Army Nurse Corps' forty-fifth anniversary."



It is interesting to know that: In World War II nurses have received from the United States: 1 Distinguished Service Medal; 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses (1 posthumous), Aleda Lutz first woman to receive it; 5 Soldier's Medals, Edith Greenwood first woman to receive it; 16 Legions of Merit, Helena Clearwater first woman to receive it; 4 Silver Stars (1 posthumous), 3 given simultaneously—first women to receive it; 835 Bronze Stars, Cordelia Cook first woman to receive it; 62 Purple Hearts (17 posthumous), Anne Fox first woman to receive it for meritorious service; 431 Air Medals, Elsie Ott first woman to receive it; 104 Citations or commendations; Many entire units have received distinguished unit citations that are not included in the above list; 1458 Total Awards indicating that one nurse out of every forty has been decorated.

Seventeen nurses have been killed in action.

Five hospital ships were named for nurses: 1. Blanche Sigman; 2. Emily Weder; 3. Ernestine Koranda; 4. Frances Slanger; 5. Aleda Lutz.

One general hospital named for a nurse: Gardiner General Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, named for Ruth Gardiner, first nurse to be killed in line of duty, World War II.

Of the original 200 nurses in the Army Nurse Corps at the time of its organization, there are four surviving members on the retired list. By coincidence or design all four of them reside in the vicinity of San Francisco.

1st Lt. M. Estelle Hine lives at 934 Alice Avenue, San Leandro, California. 2nd Lt. Edith H. Rutley has her present abode at 3810 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, California. 2nd Lt. Emma Haefner resides at 2425 Fulton St., Berkeley, California. 2nd Lt. Helen M. Pickel lives at 40 Bloomfield Rd., Burlingame, California.

Their dates of retirement are: Lt. Rutley, 16 July 1927; Lt. Haefner, 14 August 1927; Lt. Pickel, 19 May 1928, Lt. Hine, 2 June 1928.

Other retired nurses of the Regular Army living in the San Francisco Bay area are: Lt. Cols. Jessie M. Braden, and Genevieve Bergeson;



Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, assistant Chief of the Surgical Service, entertaining his Chief and the Chaplain informally—and unexpectedly—at luncheon one day this week.

Captain Alice Curto holding down a seat on the "Mourners' Bench" outside the Chief Nurse's office. The first position on the road to separation.

Harmon General Hospital, at Longview, Texas, being sold for \$870,000.00. What Price Letterman?

Colonel Horace S. Villers, Port Surgeon, calling on some of the old timers here.

Sergeant John N. Shutz, Letterman's lone cameraman, busier these days than the proverbial one armed paper hanger.

Lieut. Barbara Graves dispensing with after dinner dessert in favor of having it before.

Capt. Evald Clausen wondering if the pint-size milk bottle for Rhode Island, on the "March of Dimes" table, will prompt some loyal Texan to plant a two-quart container where the state's one quart bottle now stands.

1st Lt. Henry Malcolm in B-2 trying to find out what he said to the nurses when he came back from surgery still under the influence of that Letterman anesthesia. No one will tell him.

Capt. Dora Thompson, Margaret Knierim, Anne Williamson, Elizabeth Trueholtz, Eleanor O'Neill, Mary Sachville; Lts. Jeanette Erdenberger, Mary Ford, Mabel Ford, Jane E. Ellawanger, Deborah Richter, Elizabeth Kenney, Elizabeth Jackson, Mary De Roche, Lucy Zercher, Frances Pruell, Edna Mahar, Dorothy Proske, Bessie Kellogg, Addie Richards, Edna Beyrer, Ann Porter, Alberta Johnson, Alma Hanson, Margaret McCarthy, Jessie Thompson, Ruth Riggs, Agnes Skerry Wicher, Barbara Ziegler, Agnes James, Lyda Rogers, Carrie Howard, Margaret Hennessy, Margaret Bell, Amelia Goodie, Violet Headland.

Photographs of Major Nell Suggs and Captain Mina Assen are missing from page 3 because these officers of the Regular Army were absent on sick leave during the week.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, February 3, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Rear Guard

He strolls into Mass at the "Sanctus."
Or maybe a moment before.

And, lest he should bother his neighbors

He drops on one knee at the door.
Good seats near the altar are vacant.
In fact there is room and to spare.
But why should he push himself forward?

He'd be so conspicuous there.
He doesn't look up at the altar,
But keeps his gaze bent on the floor;

We notice him yawning a little
As though it were rather a bore.
He squats for the last benediction,
And then, ere the service is through,

We look for him there in the background,

And find he has melted from view.
So strange! Now, we fancy we saw him

Last night at the vaudeville show;
It seems to us then he was fighting
To get in the very front row.

He must have been there before seven—

O! Surely some minutes before—
He headed the line that was waiting
Outside the gallery door.

And when the door opened, good gracious!

How active he was in the race
Up stairs, and then over the benches
And down to the very first place.
My! How he applauded the singing
And laughed at the jokes that were cracked.

His eyes never leaving the foot-lights—

Transfixed to the very last act.
This can't be the same man this morning—

This slowest and dullest of chaps.
We must have seen some other fellow

Last evening—his brother perhaps.

—T. A. Daly

General Eisenhower Commends ANC on 45th Anniversary

In commemoration of the forty-fifth anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, has issued the following statement:

"In joining the celebration of the forty-fifth anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps, we of the Army are glad to say that it has been our privilege to serve with these fine soldiers. During World War II the members of the Army Nurse Corps have served with the Army wherever it has been stationed. They have shown us that for them no day has been too long or night too dark.

"We know that the demands we have placed upon them in hospitals both at home and overseas have called for unusual courage and great sacrifice. We also know that with inherent fortitude they have met, with our fighting men and the wounded, conditions to strain the nerves of the staunchest. And today, we find them still keeping faith with our convalescent troops wherever they may be.

"On February 2, 1946, when the Army Nurse Corps celebrates its founding, thousands of men will recall with grateful appreciation the many occasions when understanding Army nurses have helped them through dark moments. For the loyal women the Army Nurse Corps has given us since its inception and for its supporting role in the recent world conflict, I add my sincere and humble thanks. I know all Americans will join me in saying 'Many happy returns of the day.' "

MORE ABOUT ARMY NURSE CORPS

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once more. The subsequent growth of the Corps has been phenomenal: 1940—1,657; 1941—7,262; 1942—21,257; 1943—36,607; 1944—39,000; 1945—57,000.

The Army nurse in World War II was at work in every quarter of the globe. In huts in Iceland, in tents of the South Pacific jungle, and every battle field and on the beach-heads, she saved precious lives. She served on the land, in the air, and on the sea. The story of the Army nurse in this war is one of devotion, heroism, and sacrifice, but beyond all, a story of glorious achievement.



The Nightingale Pledge

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF BEFORE GOD AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS ASSEMBLY:

TO pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I WILL abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I WILL do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my profession.

WITH loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

PLEDGE OF THE ARMY NURSE

As an Army nurse, I accept the responsibilities of an officer in the Army Nurse Corps.

I shall give faithful care to the men who fight for the freedom of this Country and to the women who stand behind them.

I shall bring to the American soldier wherever he may be the best of my knowledge and professional skill.

I shall approach him cheerfully at all times under any conditions I may find.

I shall endeavor to maintain the highest nursing standards possible in the performance of my duties.

I shall appear fearless in the presence of danger and quiet the fears of others to the best of my ability.

My only criticism shall be constructive. The reputation and good name of the Army Nurse Corps and of the nursing profession shall be uppermost in my thoughts, second only to the care of my patients.

I shall endeavor to be a credit to my Country and to the uniform I wear.

Secretary of War Adds Greetings to ANC on Birthday

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, joins with other high ranking officials in expressing his felicitations:

February 2, 1946 marks the 45th anniversary of the ARMY NURSE CORPS. To the many thousands of its past members whose devotion and sacrifices form a part of our history—and to the 57,000 members whose unselfish contributions have added to our present victory—the War Department says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY."

With unlimited pride the War Department points to a total of 1458 awards, including one Distinguished Service Medal, it has made in all present theatres of war to these women whom we affectionately call "ARMY NURSE."

21 of these awards have been made posthumously to members killed in action and 2 to those who who died as a result of wounds received in action. Awards to Army nurses captured or interned by the enemy number 74. The Purple Heart appears on the uniforms of 62 Army nurses while 16 wear the Legion of Merit Medals. 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses and 431 Air Medals have been earned by Army nurses serving with the Air Forces. Four Silver Stars and 834 Bronze Stars have been added to decorations awarded to the Army Nurse Corps.

To these women—and to the Army Medical Corps under whose direct supervision they serve, the War Department joins a grateful nation in paying tribute on this anniversary.

Hoops and Hollers

Letterman's sturdy basketball team journeyed to San Quentin last Tuesday for its annual game with that institution's inmates, and trounced the citizens of the cell blocks 39-37. The game was more of a victory than the score indicates, because the referees were San Quentin-ites, and seemed to ignore the fact that their team-memebrs did not always play in accordance with Marquis of Queensbury rules.

San Francisco (CNS)—Some bible-reading wholesale liquor dealers here are forcing retailers to buy a dozen bibles at \$16.50 before they deliver the spirits, according to police.

WAC

by Bette Byers

What better way to start a new month than to go on furlough? The lucky gals who left yesterday amid overnight bags and fortnighters for that long awaited trip home were T/4 Josephine Jacobs, T/5's Lois Washburn, Jean Argie, and Ann Webber.

Among our newest arrivals are S/Sgt. Tillie Maciejewski, Sgt's. Blanche Strait, Hazel Wooley and T/4 Adeline Pozega who came to us from Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Washington. We hear that they had private rooms with all the luxurious trimmings up north, and although we can't welcome them with a similar state of grandeur so far as living quarters are concerned, we do hope that they find Letterman as fascinating as the rest of us so that it will be remembered as an outstanding period of their Army careers.

Farewells were said to Pvt. Frances E. Grove, T/5 Elaine Alpaugh, and Sgt. Oreta Moss who left last week for Camp Beale to receive that "graduation to civilian" paper. We'll bet the first thing they do as civilians is to buy red dresses.

Those serious expressions worn these days by T/4's Malta Benge, and Hazel Pickrem, and T/5's Afton Thompson, Nancy Cook, and Lucinda Slay are due to the Valentine Detachment Dance coming up February 14th. The gals are on the dance committees and helping to make this one of the outstanding events of the year. Various S. F. night club entertainers will be part of the many unusual features.

M/Sgt. Opal Borders and T/Sgt. Mary Chamberlain of the Orderly Room seen among the 35 girls who attended the 1960th S. C. U. Train Unit dance held at the Letterman Club last week. Mary remembers the dancing but Opal still raves about the buffet supper. Isn't that just like a woman!

A speedy recovery wish is extended to the following girls who are watching the world go by from their hospital bunks: T/4's Marjorie Cartret, and Mary Hart, T/5's Grace Hall, Katherine Hicks, Jean Plehn and Bernadean Yarroll.

WAR TIME PRINCIPAL CHIEF NURSES HERE MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS



MARGARET KNIERIM
Captain, ANC

According to figures released by the office of the Surgeon General, approximately 100,000 nurses have served in the Army Nurse Corps since the militarization of that branch in 1901. The Corps took being with an authorized strength of 300 nurses on February 2, 1901 and reached a peak of 57,000 in service at the close of hostilities in World War II.

Letterman Hospital as such dates from December 12, 1898 altho the name of Jonathan Letterman was not given it until November 13, 1911. In the long history of our hospital thousands of members of the Army Nurse Corps have served here and contributed much to the high reputation Letterman Hospital has enjoyed throughout the Army.

Letterman, like all other military installations, reached new peaks during the late war and the supervision of the nursing care given the sick and wounded from the battle fronts was the privilege and responsibility of two well known members of the Army Nurse Corps, Captain Margaret Knierim and Major Josephine Motl, who were successively the Principal Chief Nurses here during the war years.

Capt. Knierim passed to the retired list in 1943 after nearly thirty year's service in the Army Nurse Corps. She completed a four year's tour here at Letterman prior to her retirement.

Capt. Knierim who was appointed to the A.N.C. in 1914 was assigned



JOSEPHINE MOTL
Major, ANC

to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. A year later she came to Letterman where she continued her line of duty. Her next assignment was at Fort Bayard, New Mexico where she remained for a short time before being ordered to the Philippine Islands. After two years in the Philippines, Capt. Knierim was ordered back to the mainland to assist in closing the Army Hospitals at Fort Snelling, Minnesota and Rahway, New Jersey. She also served at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, a second tour in the Philippines, a second four year's tour at Walter Reed General Hospital, and finally a second tour of Letterman to close her Army career.

Since retiring, Capt. Knierim has made her home in San Francisco.

The second war time Principal Chief Nurse at Letterman was Major J. Motl, a Regular with many years' service who came back to active duty from the retired list at the beginning of the emergency. Major Motl is a native of Madison, Wisconsin and came into the Army in 1918. During her active duty she saw service in France, Siberia and the Philippine Islands before coming to Letterman in 1921. She left Letterman in 1926 for a station in Washington, D. C., where she remained until 1939 when she retired from active duty.

Since her return to the retired list, Major Motl has made her home at Waterloo, Wisconsin.

MEDICAL DETACH

The following are the "Lucky" men who have amassed sufficient points or length of service to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted men have been transferred to separation centers during the past week: S/Sgt. Leonard R. Mooney, Sgts. Ellis E. Rutland, Ben J. Asaro, and Stewart G. Patience, T/4th Gr. Teutomu Takagi, and Paul Tyson, T/5th Gr. Michael Park, Eugene F. Koch and Norman Slawson, Pvts. Francis S. Escoubas, Karl E. Roper, and Earling D. Erickson.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: Cpl. Oliver T. Bogen and Pvt. Sid G. Williams.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

This week the following men are in the inside looking out as patients: Sgt. Hugh Ashley, T/4th Gr. Gerard J. Hill, Cpl. Theodore Otterstetter and Pvts. Junior V. Cain and James Mazzarella.

Sgt. Harold E. Christian and Pvt. Augustine Ayala both of the Motor Pool staff back on duty after a look rest in the hospital.

M/Sgt. Robert Bergen once again in the detachment and now taking over as our new Sergeant Major.

Sgt. Robert Colvig back in the Radio Room after a furlough at home and all cured of his Laryngitis.

T/Sgt. Reynold V. Cooke putting all his energy towards making the coming Valentine's Party the best party ever held in the detachment.

M/Sgt. Charles Mehr and Sgt. Elias Tamey signing over for another hitch and getting ready to take off for ninety days of Loafing.

Pfc. Joseph Berger back from a three day pass which he spent in Hollywood looking into the movie industry.

Philadelphia (CNS) — Jacob Birnbaum's auto was crushed like an accordion between a trolley and a pole and when the police arrived they expected to find Birnbaum dead within. Birnbaum was only slightly bruised, however, although it took police and city workers an hour to extract him from his car.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Petite Joyce Pringle of the Out Patient Branch returned from Soda Springs in the Sierras where she participated in the winter sports. Perhaps a future Hannes Schroll is in our midst.

Convalescing the past week in St. Joseph's hospital, Alice Willig who had the misfortune of getting a chicken bone lodged in her throat is coming along nicely. A speedy recovery and hope to have you with us soon.

Looking like the essence of spring, Marjorie Jones of "Information" enjoyed refreshments at the PX Grill with a beautiful sprig of Daphne adorning her costume.

Emilee Knepp from the Dental Branch made her contributions to the March of Dimes by increasing the contents in the bottle marked Pennsylvania. Guess California is coming along alright, how about that Leone Brennan?

Pat Mockbee willingly made her donation of one wisdom tooth to the Dental Branch. Thanks. How about the L-8?

Back to school for more studies, Nell O'Donnell of ANC Personnel Section will further her education at College of Pacific.

Two very happy girls are Ethel Scotton and Bernice Riney whose husbands returned home after many months of service.

"Goodbye San Francisco, Chicago here I come" was the phrase of Helen Beckman as she left last week for her home. A pleasant trip and hope Vivian Halverson at this time has been able to make the adjustment.

As we go to press, our congratulations and best wishes go to Miss Alta E. Fawl of Radiological Branch and Major Allison Imler from the Letterman staff who are now enroute to Birmingham, Alabama. The marriage vows will take place in the very near future.

The School Keeps Open For Only One Student

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. (ALNS)—There is only one pupil in the school on Bois Blanc Island, in Lake Huron near here. Nancy Smith, seven years old, is taken two and one-half miles to school each day by her parents. The school teacher is Mrs. D. B. McDonald, who is also postmistress at Point Aux Pins, main settlement on the island.

OUR YOUNGEST NURSE FROM THE COLDEST CLIME HAS WARMEST SMILE



2nd Lt. DOROTHY L. JOHNSON, ANC
Bambina of the Letterman Nursing Staff

We have just discovered the explanation for the big thaw that came early to Fairbanks, Alaska last year. Lt. Dorothy Louise Johnson, the youngest nurse now on duty at Letterman, arrived in the cold country about that time, and her warm, sunny smiles completely melted the huge heaps of frozen H₂O!

Dorothy's home is in Aberdeen, Washington, and as soon as she graduated from Weatherwax High School, she fulfilled a childhood ambition by enrolling in the School of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital.

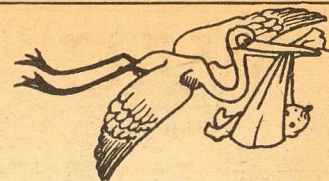
Shortly after, her mother moved to Alaska. So Dorothy decided to get her additional training there. By coincidence the name of the hospital there was also St. Joseph's, only this one was a smaller, hundred-bed installation. Many of the patients were Eskimos and Indians, so Dorothy had to listen carefully to understand their colorfully-phrased requests. Finally she drafted the

willig services of a ten-year-old Eskimo lad, who became a miniature Man Friday until he was released from the hospital. He still writes to her . . . but it's in Eskimo, and Dorothy's knowledge of the language stops at the spoken stage!

Lt. Johnson decided she would like to become an Army nurse, and enlisted in the corps May 15th of last year, hoping to be sent overseas. She was all set to go, and had her pre-debarkation leave, when the war ended and plans were changed.

Now she is again set to go, and has just returned from Fairbanks on what she hopes is her leave-before-leaving for an overseas assignment.

With all the jubilation over the venerable age of the Army Nurse Corps to-day we thought it well to sound a word about one of the staff who is the youngest in our midst. She and her contemporaries are carrying on the traditional high standards of the Corps.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Charles Steinbock, Jr., a son, **Charles Richards**, weight 7 pounds and 5¼ ounces, born 15 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Bryce M. Watson, a daughter, **Judith Anne**, weight 6 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 16 January.

To Major and Mrs. Joseph H. Jones, a daughter, **Sharon Ann**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 17 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Burke, a daughter, **Kathryn Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 18 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. William Loran, a son, **Marc**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 18 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Milton Dunlap, twins, a daughter, **Jeanne Marie**, weight 6 pounds and 5½ ounces, a son, **James Neil**, weight 7 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 18 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John A. Freytag, twins, a daughter, **Martha**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, a daughter, **Melinda**, weight 5 pounds and 13½ ounces, born 18 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Willis M. Parrish, III, a daughter, **Claire Beverley**, weight 8 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 18 January.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Paul T. Golden, a son, **Michael Paul**, weight 8 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 19 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William L. Holliday, a daughter, **Jeanne Lamont**, weight 5 pounds and 4 ounces, born 19 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Kiesling, a son, **Steven John**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 20 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Paul S. Wells, a daughter, **Janet Lee**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 20 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Paul F. Smith, a daughter, **Jacqueline Lee**, weight 8 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 21 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Carlton S. Hyman, a daughter, **Julia Jane**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 24 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. George F. DeMartini, a son, **George Francis Jr.**, weight 8 pounds and 6 ounces, born 25 January.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ANN A. LESTER
Technician 5th Gr.

One of the most pleasing personalities in the WAC Detachment is modest T/5 Ann Anthony Lester, Acting Captain of the basketball team. Ann, who comes from Luray, Virginia, is 5'8", weighs 122 lbs., and has a southern accent as soft as a lullaby.

Prior to induction, Ann was attending William and Mary's University in Williamsburg, Virginia, majoring in physical ed, with her heart set on a BS degree. At the end of two and one-half years of college, and the war still in full swing, she couldn't pass another WAC poster without getting that "flag waving" feeling, so she closed her eyes tight and "dood" it. Baltimore was her place of induction on that 11 October 1944 and Fort Oglethorpe her station for basic training.

For four months following basic, Ann poured over Laboratory Technician's books at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, only taking time out for her favorite sport, basketball. On April 4, 1945, she emerged from slides, microscopes and Army technician's books a full-fledged Laboratory Technician.

Ann arrived at DeWitt General Hospital in Auburn, California on June 15th. It was close to summer, but spring lingered in the air. There amid culture dishes and test tubes she found more than she was looking for in the laboratory department. This surprise came in the form of a T/Sgt., namely Jay R. Weemhoff from New Jersey. The very pretty diamond ring on Ann's third finger, left hand, is the result of this romance. Ann hopes to be a June bride.

On 16 December 1945 Ann arrived at LGH. Next to her love for this sport, Ann's interests include dancing, swimming, and tennis.

Valentine Party

All WACS and enlisted personnel of SCU 1972, their sweethearts and wives are cordially invited to attend the Gala Valentine party to be held at the Letterman Club on the evening of February 14th between the hours of 8 p.m. and 11:45 p.m.

This is to be one of the best parties ever staged in this detachment as there will be a Buffet supper, entertainment from the local night spots and also an eight piece orchestra for everyone's dancing pleasure.

The menu for the affair will be:
Cold Baked Ham Roast Beef
Salami Cheese
Deviled Eggs Potato Salad
Assorted Relishes
Rye, Pumpernickle, whole wheat and white bread
Eastern Beer, Coca Cola, Coffee, Apple Pie with Cheese

Home Again

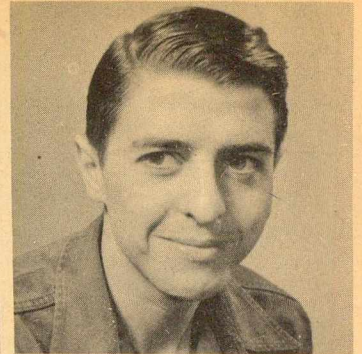
Captain Frank Douglas in B-2 came to Letterman in November 1944, then was transferred shortly after to Torney General Hospital in Palm Springs. That started a tour of hospitals that included many months in Hammond General Hospital. Finally, they brought him back to the starting point, here at LGH, a year and two months after he began his West Coast hospital circuit tour.

Post-War Expansion

Russ Nunes in D-1 has formally announced the expansion of "Murphy's Corner," the space between his bed and Jack Cole's which has been devoted to dispensing light refreshments these past few months.

During the week, ten hamburgers appeared to go with the "cokes," so the boys have taken in Darrell Pearson, in the bed on the other side, and changed the name of their spot to "Murphy's Bar and Grill."

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH PAUL MELLO
Corporal

One of the most popular patients in the entire hospital is handsome Joe Mello, who arrived here last September 6th from Leyte, after an evacuation journey that took him from Luzon to Cebu and then to Negros on the homeward trip.

Joe was a very sick boy for a long time, and his name appeared on the Critically Ill list with depressing regularity. When he finally recovered, we couldn't tell who was happier, Joe or all the people who had been plugging for him all those months.

This Mello fellow went home on a Christmas furlough, and without mentioning it to any of his buddies, got himself married New Year's Day to his childhood sweetheart, Miss Alice George. Alice is a WAVE, with 18 months service to her credit, and will get out as soon as Joe receives his discharge papers, which is a matter of days now.

When he and the Army part company, Joe goes home to Orland, California and a brand new 325 acre Dairy farm, which he bought in partnership with another man when he was on furlough. They have a herd of about 110 cows, but Joe says "Not all of them are milking—even they go on strike!"

When Mello gets that final little white paper, he will have chalked up nearly four years in the Army. When he gets out he won't have much leisure time, but that doesn't bother him . . . he says the only things he plays well anyway are pinocle and the radio!

Hirohito Ain't God

Tokyo (CNS)—Hirohito doesn't believe in his own divinity and the Jap constitution does not vest him with such divinity, Tatsuhichi Minobe, Jap professor and constitutional authority, says.

CHRISTENING

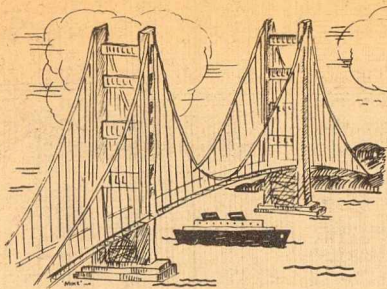
James Ashcraft Nolan and Oscar Frederick Nolan, twin sons of the late Lieutenant Colonel Oscar F. Nolan, were baptized in the Post Chapel on Sunday last with Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna officiating. The sponsors for James were Colonel Charles F. McCuskey and Mrs. George Irvine while the sponsors for Oscar were Dr. George F. Irvine and Mamie E. Nolan.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"He knows darned well it's Mary. He's just stalling!"



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Army Medical School Leaves Carlisle For San Antonio

A move involving approximately 6,000 enlisted men and officers will be completed by March 15, when medical activities of Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and the Medical Section and certain portions of the basic training program at the Army Service Forces Training Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, will be transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, has announced.

The concentration of the Medical Department schools and courses at this new center will represent a saving in the transportation of trainees from one school to another in many cases and also will result in more economical and effective operation of the training program, according to Colonel Floyd L. Wergeland, Director of the Education and Training Division of The Surgeon General's Office.

Plans are being made for five battalions which will train about 5,000 men in basic and technician courses at Fort Sam Houston, and a basic Medical Department officers' course of approximately 1,100 newly-commissioned officers will be in continuous operation, Colonel Wergeland said.

The basic training will require six weeks and the basic technicians course will take another seven weeks, making a total of thirteen weeks. The technician schools include courses of eight to sixteen weeks for dental, laboratory, X-ray, surgical and medical technicians. There will be common specialist courses for cooks and bakers, chauffeurs, clerks, auto mechanics and sanitary technicians.

There will be a School of Military Neuropsychiatry and a School of Roentgenology and Medical Equip-



JOE E. BROWN
And Lois Moran Young are welcomed to Letterman by
General Hillman and Chaplain McKenna

ment Maintenance Technician courses. Residency type training for Medical Corps officers will be carried on at Brooke General Hospital, which is located at Fort Sam Houston, and also at nine other General Hospitals in this country as part of The Surgeon General's plan to provide greater opportunities for professional advancement to the members of the Army Medical Corps.

The scope of the curriculum indicates that through the training available at this center, it will be

possible to take the recruits who come there and train them so that they will be qualified to perform all the duties necessary for the maintenance of a medical unit in the field, even to the point of keeping automobiles in repair and baking the bread.

War Department plans call for the continuation of Carlisle Barracks as an Army post and as the location for the Army Information School.

Carlisle Barracks, which has been a center for Medical Department
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New Radio And PA System Nearing Completion Here

From progress reports made by the Chief Signal Officer of the Ninth Service Command, it is believed that within a relatively short time Letterman will have a centralized radio program distribution system that will be the last word of its kind in appointment.

An entirely new studio has been completed in the main hospital from which the new system will permit four programs to be available at the same time as well as a paging system for use within the hospital.

This is part of a program arranged by the Surgeon General for all general hospitals in the continental limits. But in view of the end of the war, it has necessarily been limited to the hospitals which will remain on a permanent status. The wholehearted co-operation of the Signal Corps in the project has helped materially to advance its completion to an earlier date than was originally anticipated.

For many years Letterman has had a broadcasting system that permitted the reception of but one program at a time. In the beginning reception was limited to the "hushatone" for the individual patient so that programs could be heard without disturbing those who might not be interested. In the past year loudspeakers were installed in the wards for daylight hours for the greater convenience of everyone. Under the new system, there will be both loudspeakers and the "hushatones" for the individual beds.

The Letterman transcription library has been built up to 5,000 individual records plus transcriptions to nearly 6,000 Armed Forces radio shows, all of which will be used to supplement the live broadcasts for patient entertainment.

Demobilization Developing Into Disintegration Here

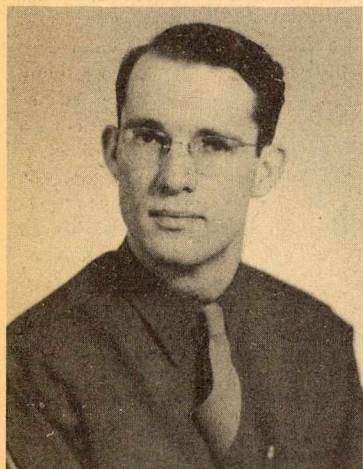
When one of our more prominent generals not long ago referred to the demobilization of the Army as something approaching disintegration he probably did not have Letterman in mind but recent separations and those immediately pending indicate the general was speaking factually.



JOSEPH S. LOPEZ
Master Sergeant

In the first days of demobilization we spoke of the separations as an "exodus" from the service, but that word is too limited to describe the situation as it is developing. The way our key men are leaving now might better be described as a "rout."

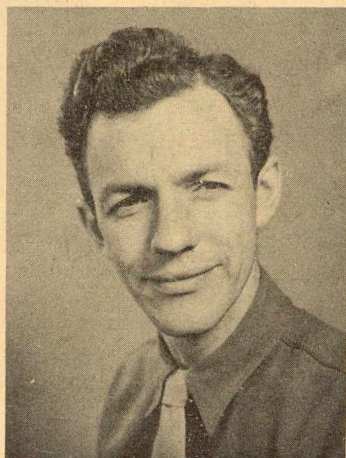
This week we say au revoir, even adieu, to a group of non-commissioned officers who have rendered most valuable service to this command. Men who have displayed the qualities of fidelity and loyalty to a high degree and who have contrib-



WILLIAM R. MATHIAS
Master Sergeant

uted much to the high reputation Letterman enjoys throughout the Army.

From the Receiving Office we lose Master Sergeant Joseph S. Lopez who has been with us since 1942 and in the Receiving Office all of his tour of duty. For more than a year he was frozen in grade as corporal and performed his duties with the highest degree of efficiency. When promotions opened up again Lopez was rapidly advanced to his present grade and he more than justified the confidence his superiors had in his ability to administer a very im-



LEWIN S. VILLA
Technical Sergeant

portant function of this command.

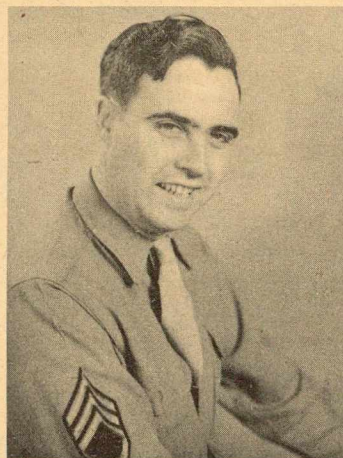
When Letterman was a debarkation hospital and patients came in by night and by day, and by hundreds and thousands, Sgt. Lopez was always on the job. Rumors were abroad that he had discovered the magic formula of doing without sleep but we could never verify that. In civil life he was an accountant—and a graduate of the University of San Francisco—and he plans to resume that career on his release from the service.

Leaving the Finance Office is Master Sergeant William R. Mathias who also has been with us since 1942. In the rapid turnover of patients coming in from overseas and leaving in a few days for inland hospitals the problem of pay loomed large. Under the able guidance of Lieut. George D. Dowling, Sgt. Mathias quickly learned the intricacies of Army finance and mastered the art of cutting the knots in procedure. Taking the cue from his boss he

sought ways to pay the patients and emerged with a high quality of service. He must have been a chess player in the days of long ago because he could figure out moves to straighten out a scrambled service record in no time at all.

There will be a numerical replacement in the Finance Office—we hope—for Sgt. Mathias, but taking his place will be something else again.

Another "Old Reliable" moving out this week is Staff Sergeant Patrick J. Sullivan, who has been the chaplain's valiant assistant for his entire Army career. It was back in November, 1942 that Pat enlisted right here at Letterman and soon became one of the assets of the command. Being the chaplain's assistant meant there was no limit to the tasks he was called on to perform. One of his duties was to open the chapel for the early Mass on



PATRICK J. SULLIVAN
Staff Sergeant

Sunday mornings and in his 39 months of duty here he never failed even once to have the chapel ready for worshippers at 0930. Summer and winter, rain or shine, cold weather or balmy weather, Pat was there. Officially the duty hours on Sundays are from 0900 to 1200 but he had a full day's work done when the other men were just reporting.

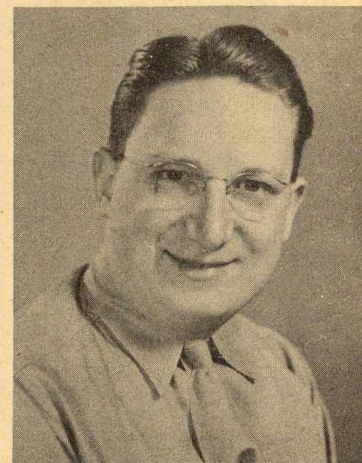
Sgt. Sullivan was also the circulation manager of the FOGHORN and devised a system of getting an equal share of the weekly papers to all wards and departments. He wrote the detachment notes and managed to escape threats of bodily harm by the simple expedient of in-

jecting no barbs in his reporting of the daily lives of his buddies. He was known as the "Man of All Work" on the staff on the paper and that title fitted him well.

Pat is the oldest of a family of eight—all born in the City by the Golden Gate—and with a name like Sullivan it is a safe assumption he is of a fighting family. His brothers of military age kept up the tradition: one went with the Marines and landed on Iwo Jima—the other took the Navy for his choice and had the satisfaction of surviving on a destroyer which lost 135 feet of its bow to a "kamikaze" bomb. If unification of the armed forces becomes a fact it will eliminate interminable discussions in the Sullivan family for years to come.

Sgt. Sullivan plans a little loafing and a lot of sleeping. He has to make up for all the Sunday mornings he beat the sun to work.

The outward march continues with Technical Sergeant Lewin S. Villa getting into step for the trek into civil life. Villa has been with us since November, 1942 and is really a man of parts. He had considerable merchandising experience prior to enlisting and it was natural that he be assigned to the Post Exchange.



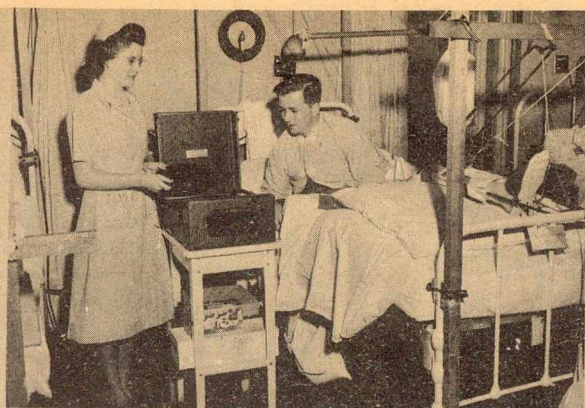
EDWARD CHILGREN
Technician 3rd Grade

Then came one of those regulations which later came to be so frequent and Lew was relieved from the PX to take a job on the chaplain's staff.

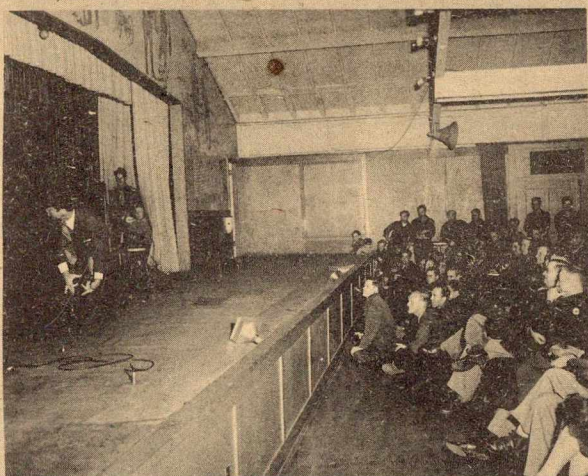
With the introduction of the Reconditioning program, Sgt. Villa turned his talents in that direction and became the mainstay of the

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Caught by The Cameraman at Letterman This Week



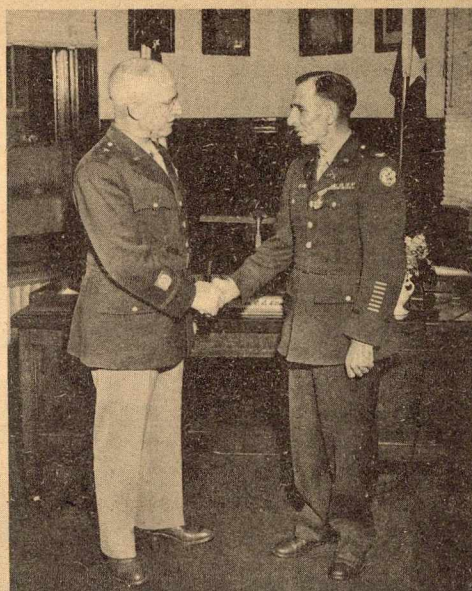
THE MUSIC YOU WANT
When you want it. Lt. Marjorie Ratcliff and T-5 Russ Nunes of D-1 admire new phonograph and records given to Letterman by Guy Lombardo and his radio sponsor, Chelsea Cigarettes.



JOE E. BROWN
does famous baseball pantomime act for huge crowd attending first of Information and Orientation series.



QUIZ CONTEST
Five of Letterman's tenants try to guess how much had been collected half-way through the March of Dimes Drive.



GENERAL HILLMAN
congratulates Colonel Charles W. Hedges after presenting him with Legion of Merit for services rendered in the Philippine Islands.



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WORK**

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EDITORIAL

Get Out The Crying Towel

Nowadays, with the accent on separation and demobilization, it's very easy to lose perspective on all that has happened since we entered the war in 1941. The shooting has stopped and those of us left alive occasionally forget how much better off we are than we could have been. We gripe because we're still in service. We wonder why the Army can't let us go home. We moan about how much we've lost by remaining in service.

Somoene said all soldiers fall into one of three classes: the dead, the disabled and the lucky. We all agree there is no way to pay the obligation to those who died—anything we can do is but a gesture. It is also generally agreed that the disabled are entitled to the best care the country can give—and while that isn't much, it at least might help them achieve their goal—as normal a life as possible.

And then there are the lucky. That's where most of us are found. We like to think we've lost a lot. How much have we lost—actually? Comparisons are said to be odious—probably contrasts are too. We still have our lives—there were some in this war not that fortunate. We're not seriously wounded—there are marty not so fortunate. Some have not felt the separation that overseas duty brings—only those that have, know the feeling.



By Bette Byers

Seeing double these days? Identical twins who arrived at Letterman for duty on February 2 have everyone guessing who's who. They are 1st Lts. Catherine and Evelyn Powell, who work in Wards B-1 and G, respectively. Their home is in Moore, Montana, where their 45 days' leave was spent after returning from two year's duty in New Guinea, Leyte, and Zomboanga. The sisters have spent their four years and nine months together, and are members of the Regular Army.

Overseas nurses from Camp Beale are arriving en masse these days. This week we welcome: 1st Lts. Margie Olson, Esther Wicklund, Etta Jones, Mary C. Jones, Elsie Cristian, and Della Whitney, and 2nd Lts. Jeanne Abrams and Ruth Winkel.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to 1st Lt. Joyce C. Sandion who is on emergency leave due to the sudden and tragic death of her mother.

News from Dante: 2nd Lt. Minnie Foster was Texas bound on February 4 for Ft. Sam Houston and that release from ANC uniform.

The lucky nurse on leave this month is 1st Lt. Adelaide Ramsey who is touring California at leisure.

If nurses are conspicuous because of their absence on Monday nights, it's due to their being surrounded by Culbertson's books, cards, tallies, and bridge sharks. The outstanding player is reported to be Lt. Mary McGlynn, who has offered to teach this brainy game to any nurse wishing to learn. Now's your chance to make Gen. Grunther and Blackwood tremble in fear of losing their top standings.

Former 1st Lt. Harriet Campbell, old time Lettermanite, back from

Some have never known what it is to be in combat and face death—a god many do know.

It's so easy to gripe about our own sad lot in life—and so satisfying too. However, once we magnify our troubles out of their real proportions, we become earbenders. And earbenders aren't nice people to live with. They bore. Do you?

Credit—Dibble Data

WAC

By Bette Byers

EYES TO LEGS! Every WAC is leg-conscious these days with the good news that those sooo hard-to-get nylons will be in for issue any day. Haven't heard such good news in years.

Speaking of nylons, it's turn-about as girls awaiting discharges pray their long-awaited orders for separation will be delayed: That is until one 'second after their nylons are received.

All of you who beautify your locks with self-shampoos will be happy to know that two large modern hair dryers are about to be installed in the dayroom and up on the hill. The line forms to the right!

T/4th Gr. Frances ex-Meredith now Susfel of Medical Supply, is one of our latest additions to the Detachment and bride's list. Frances, whose home is in Topeka, Kansas, was married on January 21st in Modesto, Hammond GH being her former station. The lucky man is T/5th Gr. Joseph P. Susfel of San Francisco, now stationed at Birmingham GH. The couple plan to make their home in San Francisco in post-army days. Lots of luck and sincere wishes for every happiness, Frances.

Renie's new frontless dresses are frightening some modest maidens into considering another hitch in the WACs!

T/5th Gr. Dorothy Alderkin is the sole WAC to don civilian clothes this week. Dot left for Camp Beale Tuesday, February 5, for separation. Her home is in Los Angeles.

Happy birthday wishes to the following girls who celebrated another year this past week: T/5th Grs. Ethel Kovacs, Catherine Dutton, Audrey Cunningham, Anna Campbell, Susan Briggs, and T/3rd Gr. Janet Vanstrum.

T/5th Gr. Beatrice Lorene Kelsey of Missouri became the bride of ex-Sgt. Francis Edward Hanlon, also of Missouri, in a lovely wedding Saturday, February 2 in the LGH chapel. Chaplain Albert F. Click officiated at the double-ring ceremony which was witnessed by a host of friends.

Overheard in the hospital corridor, a WAC saying, "Let's take off our ties and pretend we're patients."

Saipan and out of the Army, dropped in for a visit with one of the few old timers still here.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, February 10, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Red Heads vs. LGH Team

The All-American Red Heads, World's Champion Women's Basketball team, will play the Letterman team, the Army All-Stars, next Friday night at 8:30 in Kezar Stadium.

These young women have never been beaten by any other girl's team, and have been defeated by only a few of the top men's outfits. They play men's rules, and the average height of the girls is six feet. Center Jean Love, the tallest girl, is four inches over that six foot mark.

Patients will be transported to the stadium in a special convoy of buses.

General Kelser Elected Dean

Brigadier General Raymond A. Kelser, former Director of the Veterinary Division, Office of The Surgeon General, who recently received the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding work, has been elected Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

A native of Washington, D. C., General Kelser was commissioned into the Army's Veterinary Section, Officers Reserve Corps, and entered on active duty the following year. He has seen service on the Army Medical Research Board in the Canal Zone, and served as head of the Veterinary Laboratory at the Army Medical School, Washington, D. C. In April of 1943 he came to the Office of The Surgeon General.

Colonel J. A. McCallam, VC, has been appointed to succeed General Kelser.

WAC OF THE WEEK



WILLIE E. ARNEY
Technician 5th Grade

The petite corporal with the sparkling brown eyes and very attractive smile who types up your X-ray records and cards is Willie E. Arney. No, her parents weren't expecting a boy: Willie was named after a favorite uncle.

After completing basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Willie stayed on to take her Surgical Technician's Course, and immediately upon completion of same, came to Letterman, her only station during her nine months in the Army.

Like many girls now working in hospitals throughout the country, Willie enlisted during the critical period of war history when the need for trained medical technicians was great. A secret unexplainable desire to be a nurse has always been felt, and Willie will see this ambition realized when her Army career has terminated and she can enroll in a nurse's training school in Tennessee.

Willie, born in Nashville, Tennessee and raised in Akron, Ohio, spent her pre-WAC days working in the testing laboratory for the Firestone Company. "It was fun," she admits, "but not so fascinating as my work here in X-ray." An example of her ambitious nature is evidenced by the fact that this lass spends her evenings at Galileo High School taking advanced typing and shorthand. What, no play time, Willie? Her favorite sports which include horseback riding and bowling, are badly neglected these days.

We note a bit of pride when Willie speaks of her old brother, a captain in the AAF. He's due home shortly, after 2½ years in China, and Willie hopes to be home for that eventful occasion. The Arney household includes Mother, Dad, three sisters and two brothers, which explains why Willie is such a charming and

"BARBED WIRE COLLEGE" IS POPULAR
NAME FOR NEW SCHOOL OF LEARNING

The strangest school in America is housed on the windswept hills of Conanicut Island, across Narragansett Bay from Newport. Called in official language the Army School Center of the Provost Marshall General's office, to most people it is known simply as BARBED WIRE COLLEGE. As described in an article in the February CORONET, all the pupils of this college bear the same insignia on their shirts—PW.

Behind the barbed wire, German prisoners are studying a subject on which the future of Germany depends. That subject is democracy. It was in 1944 when General Eisenhower's military government men were having their first taste of running captured German towns, that an SOS was sent to the War Department for trained German assistants.

To find the most promising prisoners, Army Intelligence teams combed every P. W. camp in the country. Only volunteers were considered. If a man had ever been a Nazi he was excluded automatically. Applicants were "screened" over and over. Even the lie detector was used.

While English is the basic course, it is supplemented at Fort Getty by German history and lectures on military government the first month, then by American history the second. The police branch at Fort Wetherill emphasizes the law and practical instruction in maintaining it.

The faculty at Barbed Wire College soon found that they had to do more than teach democracy, they had to implant it right in the classroom. The Germans, reared in the Prussian tradition, stood at attention when the instructor came in, clicked their heels when they got up to recite, and bowed from the waist when they had finished. Lieutenant Colonel T. V. Smith, who had been a Congressman from Illinois as well as a professor at the University of Chicago, decided one day to break the ice. As the Germans en-

unselves, they became self-conscious persons.

At one time opera was her goal. Three years of deep study were spent toward this ambition, but medicine won over music and the only practice Willie gives those vocal chords now is when she's taking a shower. She's our singing medic of Letterman and what we like to consider a typical WAC.

tered the classroom they stopped short and gasped. The dignified Herr Professor was sitting with his feet on the desk.

Smith's approach to history is the democratic way: he presents the facts, good and bad, and lets his students draw their own conclusions. One day in discussing the Civil War he criticized it as a failure of democracy. The Germans protested. In Prussian ideology, any victorious war is a good war. They couldn't understand how Americans could criticize as well as praise their own country. But they have learned fast. Today, open forums and barracks "bull sessions" are as common as soap boxes in Union Square.

The first gradautes have already returned to Germany where the real test will come. The prisoner is allowed to state the town in which he wishes to work. Then he is discharged as a prisoner and begins rebuilding Germany either as a policeman or a military assistant. With their knowledge of the great mistakes of Germany's past, these democracy-schooled citizens will be sure that the catastrophe of another Hitler will not occur.

The faculty of Barbed Wire College is not ready to promise success—only time will tell the story. But

News From Home

Chicago (CNS)—Confronted by police with a worthless check he had cashed, a quick-witted suspected forger grabbed the check and swallowed it.

Denver (CNS)—Queenie, a sad looking-brindle bulldog, has been waiting 2 years in the Union Station for someone—presumably a GI—to come home to Denver. Queenie stands hopefully at the station gates watching incoming crowds day after day. Thus far her vigil has been in vain.

Indianapolis (CNS)—Thirsty thieves swiped 165 cases of bottled good cheer from a local warehouse, then swiped 25 barrels of beer from a Roosevelt Avenue tavern. Total value of this super boilermaker: \$6350.

Los Angeles (CNS)—"Stick 'em up," the would-be bank bandit warned Mrs. Nora Micke, a teller in the First National Bank. "Like hell I will," said Nora, slamming down the window and yelling for the manager. When the latter arrived he found Nora beating the bandit on the head with a pair of pliers.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ANGELO LAWRENCE LEONE
S/Sgt.

It really has not taken Sgt. Leone all this time to make the "Spotlight" because, as a matter of fact, his entire service at Letterman has been in that "Fierce white light that beats about a throne." Sgt. Leone reported for duty at Letterman in November '42, was assigned to the Detachment of Patients, and he's still there at this writing, but only for a relatively few minutes. On Saturday morning he leaves for Camp Beale and the cold cruel outside world where a man must work if he would eat.

Sgt. Leone has been acting first sergeant for the detachment for some months past but never really acquired the characteristics which have made first sergeants famous down through the ages. We do not believe he ever learned to swear. At least we never heard him. He has been a man patient to a high degree because he still retains his sanity despite a myriad of queries put to him every day through the year. Leone was an accountant in civil life and that experience was available to him in his military assignment because he had to account for all of the funds deposited in safe keeping for the patients. He balanced his books every month and was never out of pocket at any time—a sign of a good bookkeeper.

Sgt. Leone is a native San Franciscan, or if you want details, he hails from "The Mission" where he plans to make his home and will be near enough to come and see us often.

He will be welcome.

as a German graduate expressed it, one thing is certain: "What a sincere and deep faith in man must live in a people who conceived a school like this and made it a reality!"



To Major and Mrs. Charles S. McCune, a son, **John Spencer Nixon**, weight 4 pounds and 11 ounces, born 25 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald C. Shawver, a daughter, **Mary Patrice**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 25 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Bernard McIntyre, a son, **Thomas Joseph**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 28 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Marcus E. Sanford, a daughter, **Margaret Remde**, weight 7 pounds and 10½ ounces, born 28 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Philip O. Brubaker, a daughter, **Janis Kay**, weight 8 pounds and ¼ ounces, born 29 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Eldores V. Teninty, a son, **Billy Lee**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 29 January.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Andersen, a daughter, **Marianne**, weight 8 pounds and 1 ounce, born 30 January.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Harry W. Feinauer, a daughter, **Carol Ann**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 30 January.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Richard E. Schwab, a son, **Richard George**, weight 7 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 30 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Schuchart, a son, **Victor William**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 31 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frank H. Burgess, a daughter, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 1 February.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard P. Bell, a son, **Andrew Perry**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 1 February.

Go to Mexico If You Want to—No One Cares

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—If any G. I. would rather go to Mexico for his furlough than to go home, he can now take that trip across the border without securing specific authority for the Mexican visit, the War Department announces.

RUTH AND ROVER ADD INTEREST TO STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB AT LGH



Miss RUTH ALICE HORNE, ARC
Spark plug for the new Stamp Collectors' Club here

The membership in the new Stamp Club is rapidly increasing, and we have discovered that interest in the organization is 50 per cent philatelic and 50 per cent esthetic—the Red Cross girl in charge of the Club is a beautiful brunette with flower-soft eyes, name of Ruth Alice Horne.

Ruth has been at Letterman since July. Before that, she was assigned to the Train Unit, where she started to work a year ago September. A native of Riverside, California, (known all over the world for producing beautiful blossoms) Ruth spent some of her pre-San Francisco time as a junior hostess in the service club at Camp Haan.

Prior to that, she worked for the Riverside Country Welfare Department and while there was chairman of the girls' service club of that organization. All of which fitted her for the duties of service and entertainment that are a requisite of good Hospital Train workers.

While she was on a coast-to-coast

trip one time, she began waxing whimsical and "made up" a dog that has since become a favorite with all the patients. This imaginary animal (wonder if he knows 'Harvey'?) is named 'Rover' and is a russet-coated Irish Setter. He "follows" her on her rounds of the cars, and has become so well known to the patients, they often identify Ruth as "the girl who owns 'Rover' "!

This Stamp Club she has organized has had only three meetings so far, but already its ten eager members are choosing their specialty. (One of the men has decided to collect nothing but Russian stamps.)

The club is being sponsored by the California Collectors Club, and Mr. Wayne Wilkinson, corresponding secretary, is being very helpful in establishing the organization. Meetings are every Friday at 1400 in the Recreation Center, so if you are already interested in collecting stamps, or would like to begin one of the world's most fascinating hobbies, drop in and have a chat with Ruth Alice.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

Attention, men of the Detachment! Don't forget the gala Valentine's Party next Thursday night at the Letterman Club between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. Let's make this the best party the detachment ever had by all turning out. T/Sgt. Cooke promises everyone a good time as there will be plenty to eat and some entertainment from San Francisco night spots and a swell dance band. Be sure to put this on your Must List.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: T/Sgt. William I. Murphy and Clarence Goodermuth, T/5th Gr. Herman Marchi.

The following are the "lucky" men who have sufficient points or length of service to get that "little white paper" entitling them to don civilian clothes. For them the duration has come to an end.

The following named enlisted personnel have been transferred to the separation centers during the past week: Cpl. Arthur Femino and William Kardinsky, T/5th Gr. Floyd C. Cortbell and Pvt. Wanger Pedersen.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Good luck to M/Sgt. William J. Mairs who did a very good job as the Army Air Force Liaison Sergeant for the Prisoners of War as he went on to another station during the past week.

T/Sgt. Leonard Bell passing out the cigars last Friday as he is now the proud father of a baby boy. Congratulations, Bell!

S/Sgt. Sigmund Arywitz, Sgt. Walter G. Roach, and Pfc. Robert E. Stevens are in the inside looking out as patients this week.

I wish to say goodbye and to thank you fellows for bearing with me for the last three years. I also want to apologize to some of you men for the remarks that I made about you and to tell you that I will never forget the good time that I had here at Letterman with you. Adios.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Thieves entered a second hand men's shop on East Washington Ave, swiped 7 suits, returned 3 of them the next night because the pants didn't match.

Three Assistants to The Surgeon General Are Nominated

Three new Assistants to The Surgeon General, Brigadier Generals Raymond W. Bliss, George S. Beach, Jr., and Edward A. Noyes have been nominated by President Truman to serve in that capacity for a four-year term in their present rank.

The new nominations, which were sent to the Senate for approval, were made to fill vacancies created by the lapse of terms of Brigadier Generals Larry B. McAfee and Addison D. Davis in May of 1945, and that of Major General Shelley U. Marietta in December of 1943.

General Bliss, recently appointed Deputy Surgeon General in addition to his duties as Assistant Surgeon General and Chief of Operations Service, has been with the Army since 1912. A graduate of Tufts Medical School, he was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his work in the Office of The Surgeon General.

General Beach has been Commanding General of Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, since July of 1941. He has been a member of the Regular Medical Corps since 1917.

General Noyes, Surgeon of the Fifth Service Command, Fort Hayes, Ohio, since 1944, was formerly Commanding General of Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, Massachusetts. He accepted a Regular Army commission in 1916.

The fourth Assistant to The Surgeon General is Major General Robert H. Mills, Chief of the Dental Consultants Division, whose terms will expire in March of this year.

Exchange Scholarships Proposed in Senate

Washington (CNS)—The U S would establish a scholarship fund to enable Americans to study abroad and finance the attendance of foreign students at universities in this country under a bill proposed by Sen J. William Fulbright.

The Arkansas senator, backed by the State Department, says the U S should create the fund out of lend-lease credits and the sale of surplus property overseas.

The scheme, designed to advance general knowledge and cultural understanding, would involve England, France, Italy, Australia, China, India and possibly Norway, New Zealand, and the USSR.

CHICAGO'S WIND BLOWS TALENT LOADED MARIK TO RECONDITIONING



1st Lieut. JOSEPH H. MARIK, MAC
Executive Officer, Reconditioning Division

One of the recent additions to the Reconditioning Division is a soft-voiced first lieutenant with Charles Boyer eyes answering to the interesting Czech name of Joseph Marik.

Joe is a Chicago man. He was born there, and later attended the University of Chicago as a liberal Arts Student after graduating from high school. He has 2½ years of college study behind him and intends to catch up on the remaining semesters as soon as he is discharged from service.

His Army life began in February, 1943. He took his basic training at Camp Grant, went from there to OCS at Barkley, then back to Grant, where he helped to originate and establish a school for Physical Reconditioning instructors.

After 18 months, he was transferred to Ft. Lewis, Washington, for two months longer than a year. Then he went to Baxter General Hospital, where he was assigned until it closed and he moved down here.

Joe is the executive officer of

Reconditioning, and among other duties is responsible for procuring special equipment to be used in the departments' many activities.

In his spare time, between trips to closing hospitals to see what they have that Letterman can use, he pursues several hobbies and brunettes with blue eyes. While he was in college, he was known around the Sigma Chi house as a very handy man with the saxophone and clarinet—played with an orchestra, in fact, between cramming sessions for exams. He also dabbled in radio as an announcer for one of the small stations around the Windy City.

Joe's primary interest is music, and his devotion is slanted toward Beethoven in the serious division; the late Hal Kemp's arrangements in the lighter vein.

Marik also goes in for cinematography in a thorough way. He began his collection of 8 millimeter reels when he was 14, and now has an extensive file of family movies that he has recorded in color.

If conditions are favorable, this

CIVIL CIRCLES

February being the month of Valentines, Dan Cupid is knocking himself out shooting arrows in all directions. This afternoon over in Berkeley, Georgia Vail, from the Occupational Therapy Branch will add Mrs. to her name when she exchanged the marriage vows with Major George Becker, U. S. A. And from Military Personnel our blonde Marion Amberg became engaged over the week-end to Captain Reginald Breach, on duty at Fort Mason.

Spending a pleasant and healthy week over in Sonoma County didn't last long for August Teves. He got a little too enthusiastic in his activities and wound up with a dislocated finger and a nail-splintered foot!

We civilians who have been unfortunate in being ill, but very fortunate in having such a pleasing visiting nurse as Mrs. Clara McCreedy will be sorry to know she will be leaving to resume her duties as a house wife. She won't be away from Letterman entirely, however, as she will still lend a helping hand a few hours each day in one of the wards.

One of the old-timers returning to visit with friends and co-workers noticed that Ramona Goodpasture is now in the Radiological Branch and looking like the change of work agrees with her.

Returning to her duties in the Reconditioning Branch is Harriet Bacon, who is feeling much better after a siege of flu.

Another LGH grandmother looking very happy over a brand new 1946 grand-daughter — Mrs. Rose Kidd of the Laundry.

Another Ribbon for You

Washington (CNS)—Latest decoration to be authorized by the War Department is the "Army Commendation Ribbon." On the recommendation of senior officers, it is awarded to members of the armed forces for meritorious service or specific accomplishment since Dec. 7, 1941. The new ribbon has white stripes and myrtle-green bands.

talent-loaded lieutenant is also adept at giving impressions of famed folk like Eddie G. Robinson, Akim Tamiroff, Al Jolson and Georgie Jessel. But his biggest ambition is to make like Byron Nelson and shoot golf in the 60s. "I'll even settle for a score in the 80s—that would really make my life complete!" vows Joseph.

MORE ABOUT DEMobilIZATION

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project. He was sent north to take a special course and came back to Letterman with all the enthusiasm of a zealot for getting men back into shape for the ordeals of military service. More recently he has been the man who made things move at Crissy Annex.

The sergeant plans to go back into the furniture business on his release from the service but before that he has an idea about some hunting and fishing for a few weeks. He will never have any trouble getting away from work to do things like that because his wife is just as much of an enthusiast for hunting and fishing—and that goes for the family dog, too.

And the local version of an atomic bomb has also hit the pharmacy where Technician 3rd Grade Edward Chilgren, chief pharmacist, is counting the hours until he becomes a "Mr." again, or just "Doc" to the people who will patronize his prescription counter. Ed has been with us since June, 1942 and is one of our strong silent men. He never uses two words if one will express the thought he has in mind.

Sgt. Chilgren is a graduate of the University of California with a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy. He has lived in San Francisco all his life and when he married in June, 1944 he confirmed the conviction about staying here from now on.

Letterman will always be happy to have our men return for a look-see at the old gang and they have our best wishes for every success in civil life.

MORE ABOUT ARMY MEDICAL SCHOOL

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training for about a quarter of a century, is one of the oldest military stations in the country. It was established by the British during the French and Indian War, and has a rich background of colorful historical incidents. One of the many times it figured in the news was during the "Whisky Rebellion" when President Washington sent "Lighthorse Harry" Lee, father of General Robert E. Lee, against four rebellious Pennsylvania counties in 1791 and 1792. It was then the headquarters for "Lighthorse Harry."

BEFORE YOU INVEST—INVESTIGATE SAY THE WISE HEADS OF O. P. A.

They think of everything . . . these price gougers and racketeers! And the returning veteran is looked upon as a sheep most safely, quickly and lucratively shorn. He's supposed to be dumb on the latest legal and economic wrinkles. He is known to be hungry for a taste of civilian essentials as well as luxuries.

Ergo! He's the target of the most brazen techniques to pry him loose from his dollars. Many of these rackets are almost impossible to expose before the harm is done; criminal convictions are few and far between.

The only safe answer is for the veteran himself to be alert and informed, and not to hesitate to make for the nearest cop, district attorney, better business bureau, or, best of all, when confronted with even a suspected gyp on rent (hotel, room, apartment or residence), or commodity prices of any kind, to beeline for the OPA.

Newest angle to suck in the vet who is desperate for civilian clothes is the fawning, friendly guy (or pitch gal) who can "lead you right

to a warehouse (or wholesaler?) who has a thousand suits which can't be priced yet because the g-d-- OPA is stalling."

The victim is led down some back-alley, is shown with much hush-hush and, in none-too-good light, a suit of clothes, usually a tweed type with no vest. He parts with fifty bucks (and upward, depending on his gullibility) for a rag that isn't worth \$20 at retail.

Now, to get the record straight: There is absolutely no delay in OPA's pricing men's clothing. OPA is way ahead of the job . . . and so are the eventual purchasers if they just pay attention to their protections.

Every single all-wool suit of men's clothes which is sold by a manufacturer directly to a retailer at \$21.00 or less is PRE-TICKETED AT THE FACTORY, giving the maximum retail price which is \$33.00. Where, in the instance a manufacturer sells a similar suit through a wholesaler, the pre-ticketed retail price would be \$41.00.

Every other ready-made suit of men's clothes, has an established



Q. May I take advantage of both the educational and loan features of the GI Bill of Rights?

A. Yes. There is no provision to the contrary.

Q. I lost my deposit book for soldiers deposits when the barracks burned down. How can I get another?

A. Apply to the Office of Special Settlement Accounts, through your C.O. You must support your application with an affidavit stating how you lost the book, affirming that you did not sell or assign the book, and stating how much, if any, of your deposits were withdrawn. Your personnel officer must give your name, grade, organization, ASN, together with the date, place, and amount of deposits, and names of disbursing officers who received them as shown in your service record.

Q. I was just discharged. How soon must I reenlist to get a reenlistment furlough?

A. Furloughs up to 90 days are granted to men with 6 months or more of service, provided they reenlist within 20 days after discharge.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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March of Dimes

The March of Dimes collection of Letterman brought in total contributions amounting to \$361.50. The outstanding volunteer collector was little Mary Kelly who made rounds on the wards and accepted donations from bed patients in the sum of \$25.00.

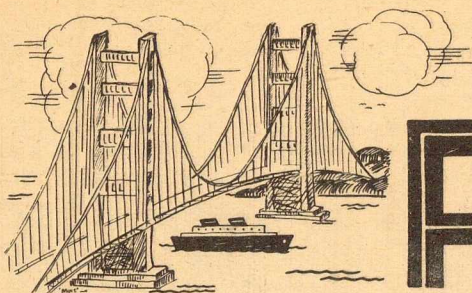
frozen price based upon the traditional markup which existed in the particular store as of Mar. 19, 1945. Tailoring prices are frozen as of March, 1942.

There goes the fraudulent come-on tale of clothing in warehouses which hasn't been priced.

The best advice OPA can give the veteran is to trade with reputable retail stores. Few, if any, persons ever save anything by trying to deal with so-called wholesalers in any commodity. A reputable retailer of men's clothing provides alterations, which cannot be obtained in a nefarious deal, and they stand back of their merchandise.

Remember . . . an established retailer wants your business next month and next year.

He isn't ggoing to gyp you.



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Aquacade Comes To Letterman Pool Sunday Afternoon

A bevy of shapely mermaids will slip into the water of Letterman's famous pool Sunday afternoon to perform in an aquacade especially produced and directed by Mr. Charles Sava, world champion swimming coach of San Francisco's Crystal Plunge.

Starring Ann Curtis, the first woman and first swimmer ever to win the highest amateur award, the Sullivan Trophy, the show will begin at 1400. Mr. Jack Greer, Field Executive of the San Francisco USO, will introduce the Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, Mr. Curly Grieve, Sports Editor of the San Francisco Examiner.

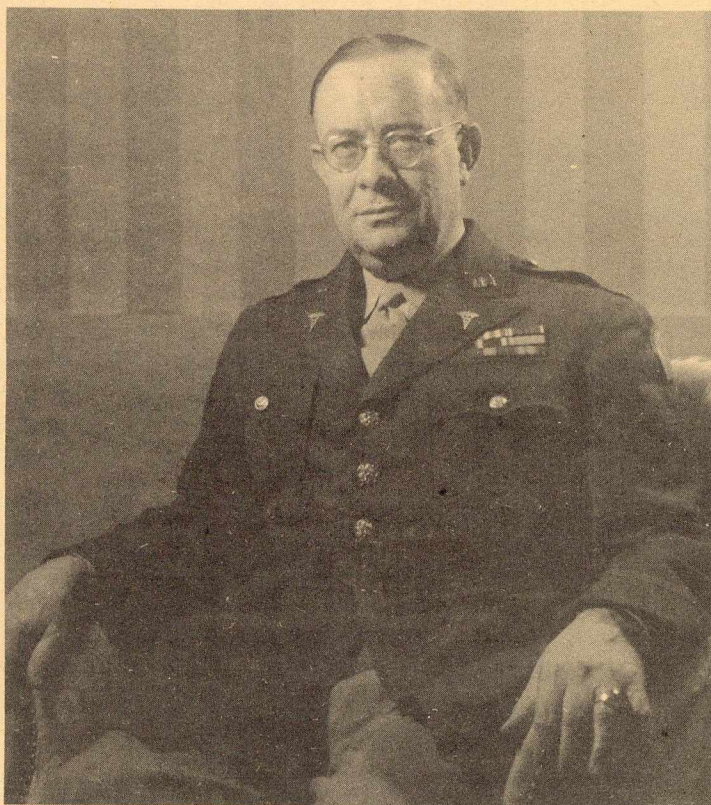
A solo ballet by Patsy Robinson, former Pacific Coast swimming and diving champion, will be the first act on the program, followed by a novel routine, done by Rose Kaufman, called the Evolution of Swimming.

Then the girls will give exhibitions of free style and racing backstroke, and life saving done to the rhythm of music.

Also on the program are diving exhibitions by Frank McGuigan, Patsy Elsener, Zoe Ann Olson, Gloria Woodin, Norman Hanley and Clyde Diaz. The last two dive strictly for laughs, being world's champion acrobatic diving clowns.

Ann Curtis will give an exhibition of her championship Free Style Swimming, and will also lead the Serpentine Swim, the finale featuring the entire group.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



COLONEL A. B. McKIE, MC
Finishes third tour of duty at Letterman.

Col. A. B. McKie Leaves Letterman For New Assignment

Colonel A. B. McKie, MC, leaves Letterman this week to report for what is said to be a most important foreign service assignment. He has been acting commanding officer during General Hillman's trip to Fort Douglas this past week, and will check out as soon as he is relieved of this duty.

This has been the third tour of duty here for Col. McKie. He began his first one in 1926, when he became Chief of the Outpatient Service, remaining for five years. He returned for his second tour of duty in May 1940 as Executive Officer and remained in that capacity until he went to Baxter General Hospital in September 1942.

Col. McKie has spent the past three years as commanding officer of the Spokane, Washington installation, having had the honor of activating the organization and presiding over it until its official closing after V-J day.

A graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he received his B. S. degree, Col. McKie later went to Tulane University of Louisiana where he received the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1915. After being appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps on October 12, 1916, he was appointed to the regular army in the grade of First Lieutenant the 21st of February, 1917. Rising through all the intermediate grades, he was promoted to the grade of full Colonel on June 26, 1941.

Colonel McKie takes with him the best wishes of everyone in the command.

GENERAL EISENHOWER TO VISIT LETTERMAN HOSPITAL NEXT WEEK

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the Army, will visit Letterman Thursday, February 21st, during his survey of Army Installations in this area.

A false rumor, due to an erroneous newspaper report, led many people to believe he was scheduled to arrive last Thursday, a week

ahead of the scheduled time, so everyone got a head start getting ready for the General's inspection.

His plane is scheduled to set down at Mills Field at 1400, and he will arrive here shortly after. He left Washington D. C. Thursday and will fly first to Seattle to inspect army facilities there.

Letterman Patients Take Advantage of Free Training

Every morning a bus pulls away from East Hospital, headed for Samuel Gompers Trades School; and every morning, there are a couple of new, interested customers climbing aboard to go down and see just what the score is on learning a specific trade while convalescing here at Letterman.

The school is at 22nd Street and Bartlett, a block-square building built along the most modern lines to get the maximum of sunshine and correct ventilation.

The principal in charge, Mr. Edgar S. Anderson, gave us a guided tour, the day we were looking around, and told us a number of facts that come under the heading of Things-we-never-knew-'til-now.

We didn't know, for instance, that the school was a free public institution that offers men and women courses that will prepare them for entrance into certain trade and industrial fields. To those who are already at work, or know the basic elements in their field, Gompers offers an opportunity to improve their skills.

The school is under the control of the Board of Education of the City and County of San Francisco, and the guidance program at Gompers is a unit in the over-all guidance program of the city's public schools. This testing program is exceptionally important to patients who are still undecided about what they want to, or are fitted to do, when they leave the hospital.

Part of this program includes such revealing factors, that patients have discovered themselves to be naturally inclined toward skills they had never even considered before! Vocational interests are displayed by means of tests, and general as well as specific abilities are registered by such interesting methods as the Minnesota Assembly test, Minnesota Paper Form Board Test, Crawford Tridimensional Structural Visualization Test, and Kuder Preference Test. When you have finished these, it's a cinch you'll never waste time trying to be a saxophone player, when you can see for yourself you'd be twice as successful working on large parts in machinery!

For those who are interested, there is a wide choice of skills to study. Aircraft construction is an exceptionally popular field. Diesel Engines, Electric Shop, Machine Shop, Mill and Cabinet work, Tool

& Die Shop, Trade Drafting, Electric and Gas Welding, Radio Broadcasting and Operation—all fields of popular interest!

Besides Elvin Brook, Ward 8, whose picture is above, there is Sidney Watson of N-1, who is learning the fine points of Drafting. Jim Haley in Ward 2 is studying Electric Welding. Another member of Watson's Drafting class is Bob Eck-

er, Ward 28.

Welding is high on the list, too. Besides Haley, other Letterman-ites studying the art are Russell Mallette, Glenn Yenney and Frank Orazen. Electric shop, close by, proves fascinating for Emmett Sappington of Ward 3, Auto Mechanics, down on the first floor, drew Manuel Arroya of K-2 to it, probably because it looks exactly like a big friendly gar-

age where people are willing to help you learn what you want to know.

And so it goes. Each reports to the class he chooses, studies in a practical atmosphere, and hops the bus back to Letterman at the end of the day's session at 3:15!

If you are interested in learning more about the courses offered, stop by the Reconditioning Division and pick up the latest information.

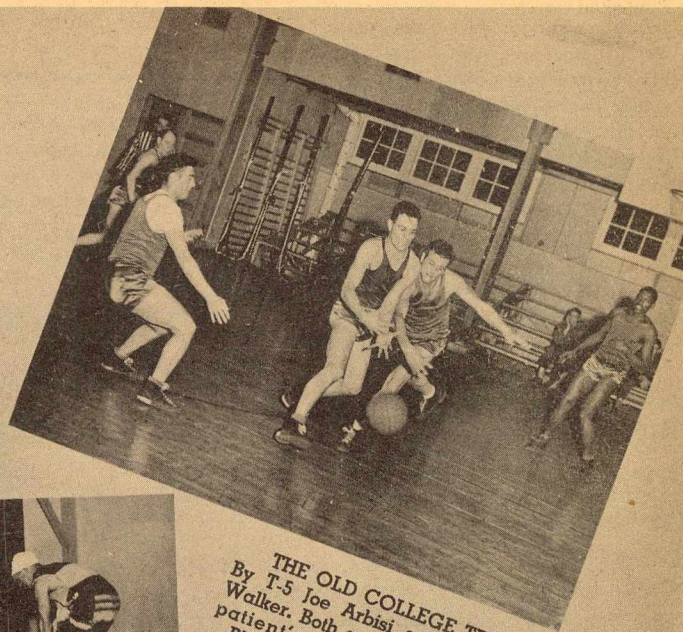


PFC ELVIN BROOKS, Ward 8, learns how to use a "shaper" in the mill and cabinet shop of Samuel Gompers Trades School. Brooks is taking pre-vocational training during his convalescence. His instructor is D. H. Davis.

SPORTS TAKE SPOTLITE AT LGH THIS WEEK



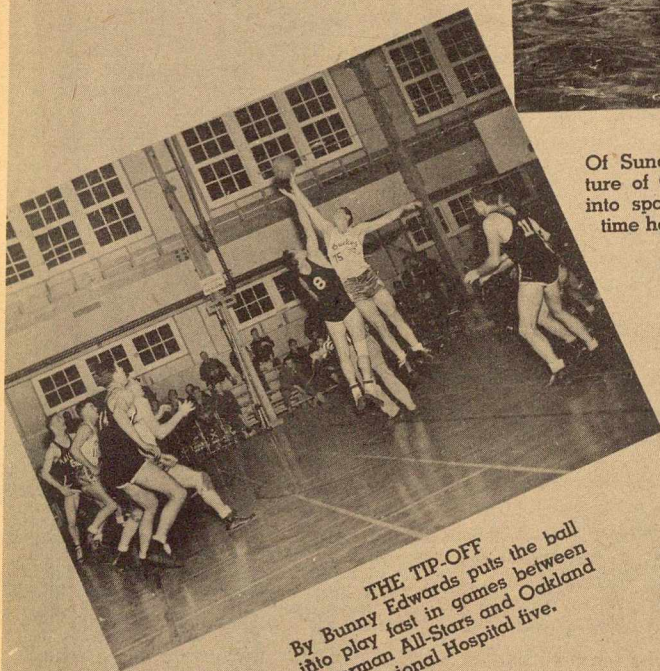
FISH STORIES
By Andy Anderson, famous columnist, get skeptical reception from Pic Huey Ong, of Sacramento, and Pic Roy Matsuda, of Hilo, Hawaii.



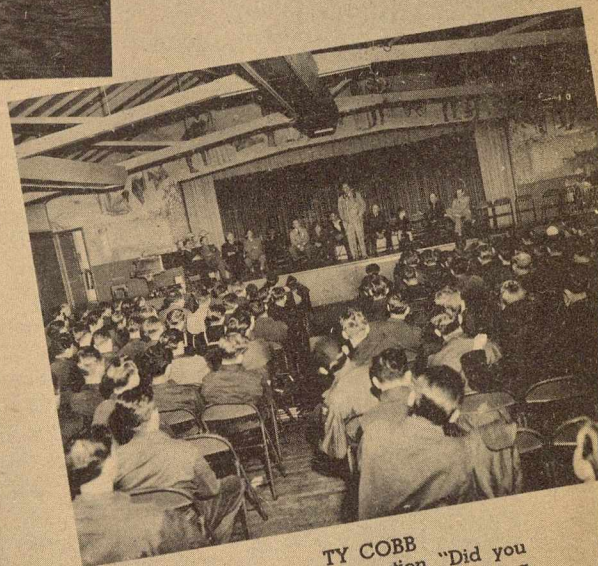
THE OLD COLLEGE TRY
By T-5 Joe Arbisi and T-5 Bob Walker. Both are members of the patient's teams, the Reds and Blues, which play frequently.



PREVIEW
Of Sunday's Aquacade. Picture of Clyde Diaz taking off into space was snapped last time he came to Letterman.



THE TIP-OFF
By Bunny Edwards puts the ball into play fast in games between Letterman All-Stars and Oakland Regional Hospital five.



TY COBB
Answers the question "Did you ever go up in the stands after a spectator?" at the Y during Hot Stove League show. More about the other visitors on page 8.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Leave Politics To Politicians?

The United Nations Organization is winding up its first conference. It has selected men to fill key positions and squared off to settle immediate problems which are an aftermath of the war.

The new world organization has outlawed war by a new kind of international law. So what?

Burglary's against the law. So is arson. So is murder—and hundreds of other crimes that are committed every day.

The United Nations Charter is good so far as it goes. But we—the people—have to go the remaining distance.

Law doesn't prevent. It merely defines. It tells us what is contrary to public ethics, morality of interest. Then it provides for punishment and counter-action.

Which means that, in the last analysis, keeping the peace will still be a matter of controlling national hatreds, ambitions and tempers. The responsibility still rests with each country (and the people who constitute it) to respect its neighbor's rights to life, liberty and three meals a day. The United Nations Organization cannot magically produce lasting peace; any nation which is foolish enough can still start a war.

The boys who fought this war should be the leaders in efforts to banish the next one. They know what war is. They don't like it. Each can be a



Mrs. Singer heading for Ward E-1. She's now in charge of all Occupational Therapy for bed patients.

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A group of patients admiring a bouquet of flowers, newly arrived to decorate their ward. What they don't know is that they are sent each week by a mother who lost her own son in battle during the war.

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"Murphy's Bar and Grill" expanding its facilities even more. It's a drive-in now. Jim Burke had himself wheeled over from another ward on a guernsey, and parked in the famous corner.

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Russ Nunes of D-1 getting valentines from two women! But Betty seems to be top girl.

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Chaplain Peter Harrington taking over while Chaplain McKenna heads east to Washington D. C.

Subs Saved 500 Airmen

Washington (CNS)—U.S. submarines rescued 500 American and Allied aviators from enemy waters and beaches, often within range of enemy coastal guns and amidst mine-strewn waters. Toward the war's end, when their normal job of operations against enemy shipping was done, one-third of our subs were doing life-guard work.

No New Paint for Ike

New York (CNS)—Ordnance mechanics took Gen Eisenhower's car in tow when it arrived from Europe, and, among other things, began to give it a paint job. "No, no," cried M/Sgt Leonard Dry, his driver since 1942. "He likes it just the way it is—GI non-shine; that's his favorite color."

useful ambassador when he goes back to his home town, bringing the real story, the ugly story of war as it is.

It will be up to them to decide whether they'll go back to their old habits again, skipping the front page for the sports page, leaving "politics to politicians" . . . or whether they'll realize that all previous wars have really started because the people who eventually had to fight them either drove heedlessly into them or lazily left decisions up to others.

—Robert St. John.



The Assistant Chief Nurse's office is buzzing with activity these days. Amid the excitement, two Letterman old-timers arrived for duty: Majors Eileen W. Brady and Verla M. Thompson. Major Brady was stationed at LGH in '39 and stayed until '41 at which time she reported to Camp Callan to take on duties as Chief Nurse. November '42 saw her bound for Australia, then New Guinea, Biak, and Leyte. She returned to the United States on November 30, 1945, making a total of 41 months overseas duty. Her home is in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Major Verla M. Thompson of Corning, California was on duty at Letterman from '37 to '39 when she went to Hawaii. After several round trips to the mainland, she was transferred to England, returning to the U. S. in November, 1945. We hear from excellent authority that she is now on a diet which affects breakfasts only. Lunches and dinners aren't included! From their laughter and smiles, we come to the conclusion that they are happy to be back with us, and we in turn are spreading out the special "welcome" mat, happy to have them back on the staff.

Leaving immediately for POE, Seattle, Washington are the following nurses, busy making hasty preparations for their unknown destination: 2d Lts. Virginia R. Harvey, Dorothy R. Ludwig, Dorothy L. Johnson, Odette A. Plaineccasagne, Marjorie Ann Ratcliff. Bon voyage and best of luck!!

Heading for Camp Beale is Capt. May D. Hanawalt and 2d Lt. Barbara E. Yarnell for separation. Second Lt. Lillian M. Setvens, who has been on the staff for some time left for Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, her point of separation, along with 1st Lt. Regina A. Burnett.

The nurses' quarters is said to be bulging these days with the constant arrival of pool nurses. The war may be over, but the nurses' march is still in full swing!!

Word was received from ex-Captain Alice M. Curto that she has left Camp Beale, and is now an A-1 civilian. Allah-allah-allah!!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, February 17, 1946

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Lamon Full Colonel

Another advancement in rank came to one of Letterman's most popular surgeons last week.

On February 6th, Lt. Col. John D. Lamon, Jr., M. C. received the news that he had been promoted to full Colonel. He began his duties at Letterman last April 1st as Chief of Surgical Service.

Cadet Nurses Gone

Our fledgling members of the Cadet Nurse Corps have finished their training period here, and have moved on. Lt. Julia Anderson, who was in charge of them while they were here, says we have trained a total of 178 Cadets.

Atom Subs Seen in Future

Washington (CNS)—The Navy of the future will consist of submarines travelling 1000 feet below the surface and powered with atomic fuel which burns without oxygen, Dr Alvin M. Weinberg, a physicist who helped develop the A-bomb, told the Senate. He concluded that such weapons make international control of atomic power and international good faith necessary to outlaw war.

Anybody Want A Nice Rubber Suit?

New York (CNS)—If your peacetime work or play is likely to take you into the icy Hudson Bay, or some other chilly spot, you may be interested in some dandy lightweight, rubberized life-saving suits, 10,000 of which the Maritime Commission is selling for \$15 each as surplus. The suits, which are in large and medium sizes, have overshoes, gloves, and hoods attached; they cover the entire body, except the face. The commission says they're good for hunting, fishing, tobogganing, skiing and for farmers and outdoor workers in severe weather.

WAC OF THE WEEK



T/5 MYRA BYERS

A woman in the detachment with an exceptionally interesting background is T/5 Myra A. Byers who enlisted in the WAC's on December 21, 1944 in Arizona. She was born in Table Grove, Illinois, attended high school there and began teaching school immediately after graduation. During the summer she attended Western Illinois State Teacher's College, later enrolling as a regular student. The completion of her education led her to accept a position at the Sells Reservation in Sells, Arizona, an Indian reservation just out of Tucson next to the border. There Myra "taught Indian children to speak English as they taught me to speak Indian."

Her living quarters were in the school building, and she was the only white person living in the large Indian village. It was 40 miles to the nearest town. As she made weekly trips, she would do shopping for the Indian women, hoping fervently that she had understood what they wanted, and did not buy soap chips when they had requested potatoes. The only other contact with the outside world was the telephone.

Without any warning, Myra would be told she was to teach at a different school on the reservation where her supervision was required, and she was compelled to pack up and move, which was excellent training for her present army career!

Myra's present work is performed at the Aphasia center in Letterman where patients have had serious injuries to the left sides of their brains, destroying the speech center and paralyzing their entire right sides. As their speech returns, it is necessary for them to relearn word meanings and with their right sides paralyzed, they are taught to write with their left hands. This is the task Myra excels in for her patience and gentle manner cannot be sur-

PRESIDENT TRUMAN DECLARES ARMY RECRUITING PROGRAM VITAL TO PEACE

The success of the Army world wide recruiting program is "vital to our tremendous task of insuring the peace," President Truman declared in a statement made public today by Ninth Service Command Headquarters, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

The President stressed the fact that the Army faces an essential two-way manpower problem to meet immediate requirements at home and abroad—until long-range peace terms and military policy are worked out.

Enthusiastic public support is imperative to insure the success of the recruiting campaign, the President asserted.

"It is of the utmost importance that the American people understand the status and significance of the Regular Army," the President said in his statement.

"It will be the duty of the volunteer Army to help protect the freedom and maintain the peace we have won at so great a cost.

"Atomic power has increased rather than decreased the necessity for our preparation, both in manpower and material. In the coming atomic age, the United States must maintain its military strength—to insure our national security and to promote world order."

The President further stated: "Such grave responsibilities obviously cannot be met by anything less than the highest caliber of men. For this reason I asked Congress for legislation to increase the opportunities of the soldier in the Regular Army. This legislation has been passed and signed by me, and is now in effect.

"In serving his country a man can now get good pay, education, travel and security—with family

passed. "The work is so fascinating and the boys are so interesting!" is Myra's opinion of her duties.

After receiving her basic training in Des Moines, Myra was immediately assigned as a psychiatric social worker at Ft. Custer, Michigan. Other posts where she has served in this capacity are Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, California, and MacCaw General Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington.

When the army decides that the services of the WAC are no longer required, Myra plans to return to her Indian children and once again aid in their education.

allowances for his dependents and a new 20-year retirement plan that compares with or excels anything in American industry. These, and the many other advantages of the new Regular Army, should be made known to all our servicemen and their families.

"The Army has embarked upon a world-wide campaign to enlist enough men so that in demobilizing we shall not strip our services below the peacetime need. It is imperative that public support be given to this program. We must replace as soon as possible men who have served long and arduously, and who wish to return to civil life. We must also build an army of volunteers adequate to all our requirements—at home and abroad—until the long-range peace terms and military policies are worked out.

"I hope that every individual and group will give earnest and enthusiastic cooperation to this great effort to rebuild our Regular Army. The success of this campaign is vital to the performance of our tremendous task of securing the peace."

Horse Falls Overboard, Downs Quart of Rye

Brooklyn (CNS)—After 799 fillies had been stashed away in the hold of the Clarksville Victory, en route to Poland, No. 800 the last horse scheduled for shipment, took off across the deck and into the icy Gowanus Canal. An hour later, shipyard workmen half a mile away, saw the AWOL filly, swimming strongly. They lowered a drydock, got a line around her neck, and edged her to safety. The shipyard men took the filly to the boiler room, dried her, and a vet poured a quart of rye down her throat. While she was enjoying her binge, the other fillies were crossing the ocean.

5 Stars for Halsey

Washington (CNS)—President Truman has nominated Adm William F. Halsey Jr for promotion to the 5-star rank of a fleet admiral. Adm Halsey, who recently relinquished command of the 3d Fleet, has reported to the Navy Department for temporary duty, pending retirement.

San Diego, Cal (CNS)—Albert Gideon is lucky his car was stolen. It was found after 3 weeks with 2 brand new tires, 2 newly recapped tires and a spare which he didn't even have before.

ON THE SPOT

CHARLES W. BURSCH II
Private First Class

PFC Charles W. Bursch II left Southampton, England New Year's Day, made a brief stop at Holloran General Hospital in New York, and came on to Letterman to take up residence in Ward D-2.

Charles is a sharp man to have around when the quiz programs are on. Before he returned from overseas, he had been teaching in a USAFI-Sponsored college in Shriv- ington, England. The faculty was recruited from civilian as well as military personnel, and the students were drawn by the quota system from Ground Forces and the Air Corps. Charles, if you please, is an expert in Educational Psychology and Vocational Guidance, and while studying at Stanford University, majored in psychology and speech.

Bursch taught school from August to December last year, and before that was classified as a member of the military occupation forces. Altogether he was overseas 14 months, going over with the 76th Infantry Division.

He has no specific plans for the future, outside of that "long rest" everyone is planning to take as soon as his discharge is official. He has an interesting hobby—cryptography—which he says he probably started when he got to be pretty good at figuring out the complicated word-puzzles in such boyhood magazines as "Youth's Companion."

His home is in Sacramento, and just about now he's returning from a long-awaited furlough.

Secret Weapon

Saigon, French Indo China (CNS)—In their campaigns against Annamese nationalists, the British announced capture of a native munitions center—a bow and arrow factory. Among the weapons they found was a tricky bow which shoots 5 arrows at a time.

WAC

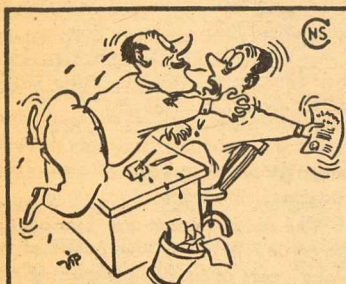
The Letterman girls' basketball team left by bus for Camp Beale Tuesday, February 12 to compete in the District of Ninth Service Command's double elimination tournament. Other camps participating in the event are: Ft. MacDowell, Ft. Mason, Camp Beale, and Camp Stoneman. The finals for the Ninth Service Command will be played at Letterman late this month or early March. The girls are returning (victorious, we hope!) on Saturday, February 16. Lots of luck!

Furloughs are letting up this month with only one lucky girl leaving on that rest period, the lucky gal being T/5 Florence Fyfe. Last day at Letterman was Tuesday, February 12.

Discharges hit a new high as the following girls left for Camp Beale this past week for separation: T/5's Ethel Bash, Mildred White, Mildred Beckrich, Mary Dingle, Lois Parker; T/4's Violet Atkins, Marion Shine, Marguerite Bilquist, Frances Meredith, and Ellen Bing; T/3's Dorothea Fassett, Elizabeth Lee, and Sgt. Vernice Jaques. Thirteen in all! Would you still say it's an unlucky number?

For you who missed the WAC News Letter, the following will prove of interest: "Fort Des Moines, which to many of us has always symbolized the home of the WAC, is to close on February 15 as a Separation Center for women, and will be turned back to the City of Des Moines. There are many other similar closings as units are being deactivated, which slowly tie together the final function of the Corps."

The more rested look on some of the gals' faces these days is no doubt due to the cease-reveille act. What price bunk fatigue!



"But Sergeant. It's got to have a couple more signatures!"

GRACIOUS MRS. WM. GRAY IS GREAT ASSET TO LETTERMAN



MRS. WM. GRAY

For four years, the patients and personnel of Letterman have been basking in the warmth of the extra-special smiles of Mrs. William J. Gray.

Mrs. Gray is asked so often if she joined the Gray Lady Corps because of her name, and the fact that her beautifully-coiffed hair matches the filmy gray veil of her uniform, she would like it understood that there is no connection—just coincidence!

She is now the Chairman for the Gray Ladies here, having succeeded Mrs. F. D. Bartlett, who left the first of February after many years of loyal service. There were 57 Gray Ladies working during the war, but since then the number has dwindled. However, Mrs. Gray says they are now having a new class of 50, which will enlarge the corps and enable them to serve both afternoons and evenings.

Mrs. Gray is actually a native daughter of San Francisco, although she spends so much time here at Letterman, she'll soon be able to narrow that definition. Her daughter,

Mrs. Robert Harris, followed her mother's lead during the war and joined the Red Cross, also, as a Nurse's Aide.

Letterman and its patients are Mrs. Gray's main interest in life, after her family. She spends most of her time here, even on Sundays, and at present is very much enthused by all the leather work the men are doing. As part of her services consist of shopping downtown for the patients, she is in a position to know just how interested they are—Mrs. Gray says she is practically buying hides, in the wholesale market, she has so many requests for the raw materials of purses and camera cases!

Thinking back, our lovely Gray Lady says the most thrilling experience was meeting the ships as they brought our men, both wounded and well, home from overseas.

Asked what was the most amusing request she had received lately, she decided it came from a patient who wanted a whole lobster, skin and all, so he could have the pleas-

New Classes In Dentistry

New classes are being announced for members of the American Dental Association who have been in the service, and other Association members interested in the new techniques developed, and recent advances made in dental roentgenology.

Doctor Gordon M. Fitzgerald, Roentgenologist, Chairman of the Division of Dental Roentgenology, College of Dentistry, University of California, will conduct three classes in which, for the convenience of prospective enrollees, the same material will be presented at three different times.

1. The beginning date is February 19; Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-6 p.m., 7-10 p.m., and Saturday (March 2 only) 1-5 p.m. 20 hours covering a period of two weeks. The fee is \$40.00. Limited to 12 students.

11. Beginning date is March 12; Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-6 p.m., 7-10 p.m., and Saturday (March 16 only) 1-5 p.m. 20 hours covering a period of two weeks. Fee is \$40. Limited to 12 students.

III. Beginning date: February 18; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8-9 a.m., 5-6 p.m. Class limited to one or two students. 20 hours covering a period of two weeks. The fee for 1 student is \$250.00. Fee for 2 students is \$125.00 each.

Enroll at University Extension Office, 540 Powell Street, San Francisco 2, phone Exbrook 0824 or Exbrook 0825.

2 Songs Banned in Japan

Tokyo (CNS)—Two sentimental ballads that are favorites in Japan and roughly equivalent to "Home Sweet Home" and "Old Black Joe" have been banned by Allied Headquarters. "Moonlight on a Ruined Castle" is out because it mentions a castle and is considered "too feudal." "Chinese Night," which Jap militarists themselves tried to stamp out during the war because it was "too languid," has been nixed because it is now considered "too popular."

ure of peeling it as well as eating it! After checking with the nurse and discovering it was all right, Mrs. Gray called Fisherman's Wharf—and discovered the only place the lobsters were, was in the ocean! The men who catch 'em were on strike, so the patient will just have to be patient a little while longer!

CIVIL CIRCLES

Cupid is still on the beam in the bow-and-arrow department. Somewhere in Philadelphia and sometime in March, Vivian Halverson and Mr. Charles Shoemaker will recite "I do's."

We want to welcome Reba Surben back to Letterman. She has been away a year and a half, serving at the Marine Hospital in New York. She will resume her duties in one of the wards.

A strenuous day taking care of the customer's wants in the Post Exchange doesn't seem to hinder Mary Hudnutt's enthusiasm for her favorite sport—ice skating. She treks down to Winterland every Friday evening for relaxation and exercise, flashing around the rink a la Sonja Henie.

Ann Vickery has been hospitalized all during the past week. Your pals in the laundry miss you, Annie, so we hope you're up and about soon.

The gleam in Marion Leeben's eyes tells us an announcement may be forthcoming soon. The light shines all the way over here from her office at Dante.

Mary Johnson of the EENT Branch is back at work after a three round bout with the flu bug.

Incapacitated temporarily, Daise Tobin from the East Hospital library, is on the mend after complications arose following a jaw ailment.

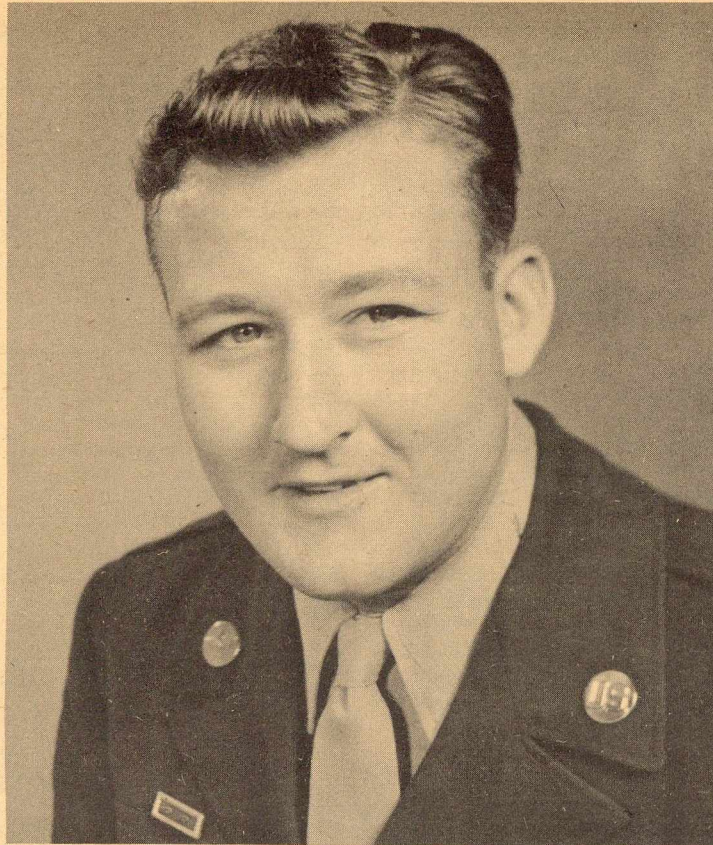
Leaving the office of Public Relations, Irene Wallace bid adieu to her many friends at Letterman last week. Whatever you do and wherever you go, Irene, our best wishes go with you!

Zebra Stripers Sign Up But Buck Privates Don't

Washington (CNS) — The Army's recruiting drive is producing an army of sergeants, Secretary of War Patterson discloses. Some 20% of the 55,122 who have signed up between Aug 10 and Oct 31 are master sergeants, he said, whereas this grade comprises only 2% of the normal Army.

Welcoming the higher grades, Patterson nevertheless added: "It is hard to build an army in which there are more men in the higher ratings than there are privates and pfc's."

TIM KIMMERLE, JAPANESE WAR PRISONER REVEALS CAPTURE STORY



T/Sgt. TIM KIMMERLE

That tall, blond and handsome Technical Sergeant you've seen frequenting the PX is none other than Tim Kimmerle of the Regular Army Air Corps, who lived one of the most intriguing stories to come out of this war. Tim suffered three years and four months as a prisoner of the Japanese, returning just last October, but to look at him now, you'd think he had lived the desired "life of Reilly."

Tim, a member of the 19th Bomb Group of the 30th Bomb Squadron, and most of his buddies, were captured in Maramag Forest on Mindanao, May 10, 1942. They were immediately taken to Malaybalay and held there until October, then moved to Davao Penal Colony. Later a trip to Manila was made where 1400 of them were crowded into two small holds and kept below deck for the majority of the 30 days voyage. The march to Bilibid prison followed their landing, a march which was most unbearable for there had been no room to stretch and turns had to be taken sitting down for rest during the trip.

Only six days were spent at Bilibid,

followed by another seemingly endless voyage to Japan. The men's morale was low, and ever present was the question, "What next?" The trip took 63 days, after which they found themselves at the Yokitichi Prison Camp, a copper foundry producing sulphuric acid as a "little by-product." This was it!

Looking back on it all makes it seem like a horrible nightmare made up of grotesque incidents and freak characters. The only exception is that the memory lingers. Putting out a cigarette only half burned, sitting down to a clean table bearing delicious and fragrant food, and being able to relax completely are just a few of the things that haven't ceased being thrilling.

Throughout his period of confinement, Tim kept a diary which contains unusual things such as recipes for cocktails and foods, names of books, poems, songs and odd data of United States History. This is explained by the fact that each evening their small group would choose a topic and take turns in revealing everything he knew about it. Food was so scarce and unpalatable (to



To Capt. and Mrs. Adrian Adair, Jr., a daughter, **Kathryn Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 2 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Hermanson, a daughter, **Nancee Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce born 2 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert B. Orton, a son, **Richard Van**, weight 6 pounds and 8½ ounces, born 2 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Harold F. Henig, a son, **Gary Dwight**, weight 7 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 3 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Frank J. Jones, a daughter, **Jo Francine**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 3 February.

To Mr. and Mrs. David A. Paul, a son, **David Jay**, weight 7 pounds and 4½ ounces, born 3 February.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Roger Cox, a son, **Roger Milton**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 7 February.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James Kinces, a daughter, **Geraldine Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 7 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Herbert C. Schulze, a son, **Herbert Dick**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 7 February.

To Major and Mrs. Garnet Palmer, a daughter, **Margaret Ann**, weight 7 pounds, born 8 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Hubert Hamel, a daughter, **Katherine Elizabeth**, weight 8 pounds and 6 ounces, born 9 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jerome Broude, a daughter, **Michelle Darlene**, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces, born 10 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Bonner H. Robinson, a son, **George Bonner**, weight 8 pounds, born 4 February.

say the least!) that it became the favorite topic, and each menu was recorded carefully. Actually preparing them now brings the past dreams into reality.

The deep appreciation Tim has for everyday living is the result of his long years of hardships, making him one of the most charming and enjoyable personalities ever to come to Letterman.

Former Athletes Visit Patients at Letterman YMCA

Local Letterman athletes got the inside dope on all their favorite sports when Curley Grieve of the San Francisco Examiner and Jack Greer, executive secretary of the USO brought some of the top names to the Y for an informal get-together with the patients.

Those on the receiving line of the questions were Ty Cobb, great baseball player, Walker Cochran, World Billiard Champion, Dominic Di Maggio of the Boston Red Sox; Oscar Vitt, former manager of the Cleveland Indians and many minor league clubs; Eddie Lake of the Detroit Tigers; Marino Pieretti of the Washington Senators; Clipper Smith, football coach at University of San Francisco; Buddy Young of Fleet City, top football player of the year; Dean Detton, former world heavyweight wrestling champion; babe Pinelli, National League umpire, and Abe Kemp, Examiner baseball and turf expert.

News From Home

Albany NY (CNS) — Charles (Lucky) Luciano, ex-king of the pimps in Manhattan, has "sung" his way to freedom. Serving a long sentence in Sing Sing, he tipped off the US to sources of information about his native Sicily. As a reward, Gov Thomas E. Dewey terminated his sentence and US authorities promptly deported him.

Cody, Wyo (CNS) — A local man was really burned when he discovered someone had stolen a bottle of Scotch from his car. He offered \$100 reward for "information leading to the capture" of the thief. "It will be worth it," said he, "to get my mitts on that baby."

Connersville, Ind (CNS) — When Mrs Gus Adjerson cornered a fox in her henhouse, she went to work on it with (1) a pitchfork, (2) a garden rake, (3) a posthole digger and (4) a stove damper, then finally killed it with (5) an old shoe.

Lancaster, Pa (CNS) — A divorce was granted to Mrs David N. Norcross, 19, who claimed she threw her jujitsu expert husband pretty hard in a couple of wrestling bouts. She said he retaliated, hurting her feelings.

Philadelphia (CNS) — Holding a seat in the percussion section of the famed Philadelphia Orchestra is a man named Frank Sinatra.

PROFESSIONAL, AMATEUR WRITERS ATTENTION! CHANCE FOR PRIZES

If you'd like to become a professional writer, if you have ever written a story, or if there's a story you'd like to write, now is your opportunity to present your talent in return for cash awards and recognition.

The Daily World Second Annual Short Story contest is now open to everyone. Prizes are: first prize: \$100.00; second prize: \$50.00; third prize: \$25.00; plus twenty honorable mention awards of \$5.00 each.

The rules of the contest are as follows: 1. The contest is open to everyone except employees of the Daily World and their families. 2. Contestants may submit as many stories as they wish. 3. Manuscripts must not exceed 2,500 words in length. 4. Authors should keep carbon copies. The Daily World will not be responsible for manuscripts lost in the mail or otherwise. 5. Entries cannot be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. 6. First serial rights of all prize and award-winning

stories will belong to the Daily World. Income, if any, from all other rights, will be divided on a fifty-fifty basis between the Daily World and the author. 7. The contest will close April 30, 1946. Entries post-marked April 30, 1946, will be accepted. 8. The decisions of the judges will be final. 9. Address entries to Contest Editor, Daily People's World, 590 Folsom St., San Francisco, 5, California.

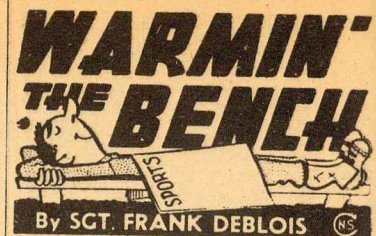
The judges are famed literary people interested in encouraging new writers. They are: Howard Fast, author of "Citizen Tom Paine;" Dorothy Parker, known for her many outstanding books; George R. Stewart, Head of the Department of English, U. C.; and Marie de L. Welch, author of "This is Our Own."

Many service people participated in the last competition, and many received awards. You can, too! If you have any talent or ambition along this line, now is your opportunity to present it to the literary field.

Guest Room by Dale McFeatters



"Welcome back to your job as foreman—hope you won't have any trouble getting readjusted!"



Stop Me If You've Heard Any of This Before

No sports editor ever knew more about boxing than Francis Albertanti, ex-boss of the sports desk at the old New York Morning Telegraph—and no sports editor ever knew less about other forms of athletic endeavor than the colorful Francis.

One day his managing editor tactfully suggested that there was room for more golf news on the sports pages of the Telegraph.

"Golf?" said the esteemed Albertanti. "What's golf?"

"It's a sport," explained the managing editor patiently, "which is played by big business men and Wall Street financiers."

"Well, then," snapped Francis, "why not put it on the financial pages?"

And that's just where it wound up.

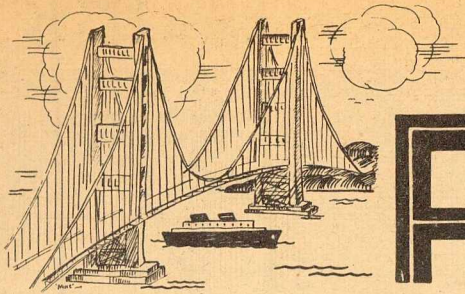
The accolade for the worst sportsmanship of 1945 has been awarded by Joe Williams of the New York World-Telegram, to the St Louis Browns who used Pete Gray, the one-armed outfielder just often enough as a first-time-around box office draw to get their purchase money back, with interest. Then, says Williams, the Browns cleaned up on Gray in a postseason exhibition tour. And they finally sold him to Toledo.

Need A Job?

The news that ex-Sgt Henry (Zeke) Bonura, the good humor man from the Mealy Street docks of New Orleans, has offered try-outs for positions on his Minneapolis baseball team to any GI who wants to play ball, is good news indeed to all the Joes who knew Zeke in North Africa, Sicily, France, and Germany.

"Right now," Zeke writes in his fine Eye-talian hand, "I've got 50 GIs I picked up overseas and I'm giving them a chance at pro ball. And out of these 50 men, I think 49 will make good. So if you see any other GIs who think they can play ball, tell them to come to Minneapolis this summer and I'll give them a chance."

Zeke was discharged last fall after 4 years in the Army, 3 of them overseas. He holds the Legion of Merit for his work in North Africa where he turned the old Oran race-track into a ball-yard and organized a GI-world series, a GI Rose Bowl, and even a couple of camel races.



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General Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff Visits Letterman

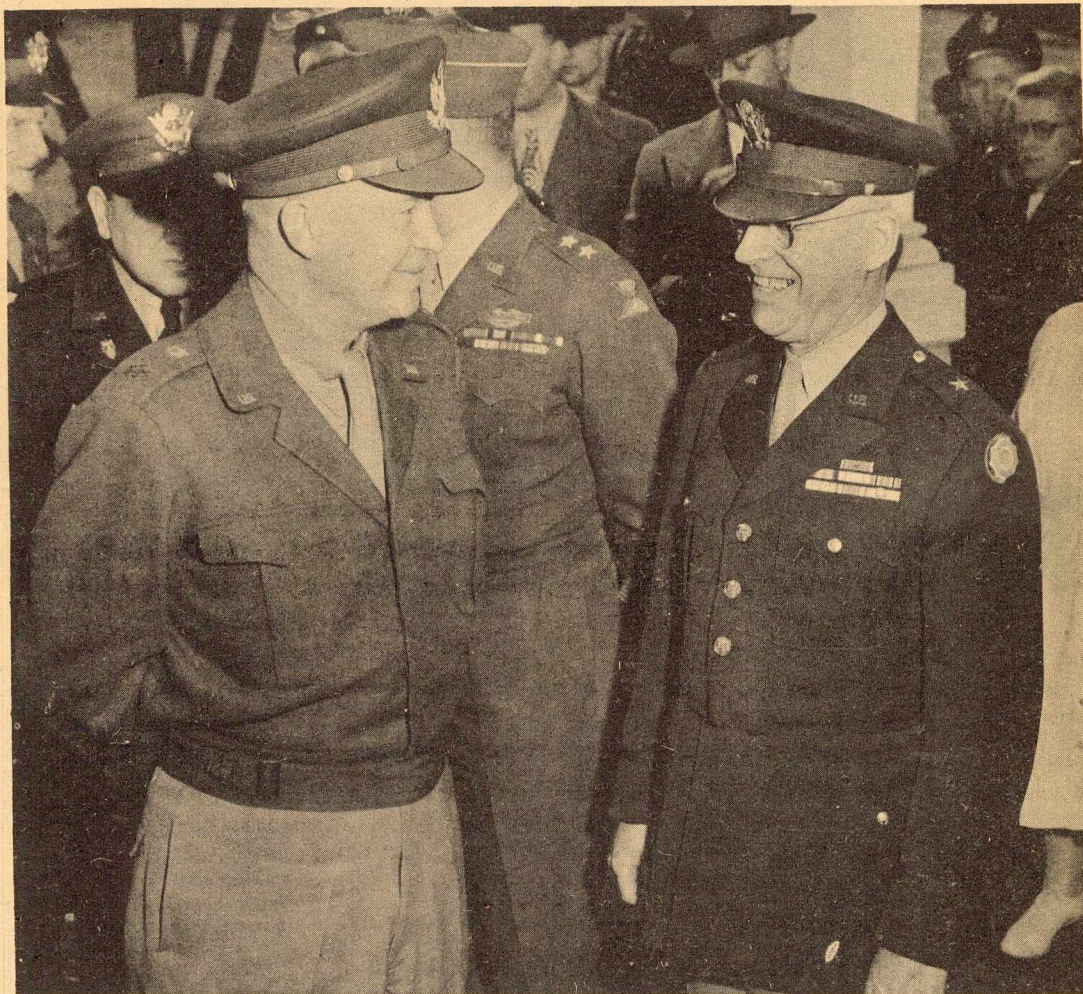
General Dwight Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, was an official visitor at Letterman on Thursday afternoon. This was the first time that a five-starred general had ever called here, and the first time in many years that an Army Chief of Staff has come to Letterman.

General Eisenhower was met on arrival by the commanding general, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, who presented the officers of his staff to the distinguished visitor. General Eisenhower was conducted on a tour of the wards where many of the patients are undergoing treatment for wounds received in action in the European Theatre of Operations where General Eisenhower was the supreme commander. The Chief of Staff had a friendly greeting for all as he passed along the row of beds, and stopped occasionally for a brief word with some of the patients who had unusual histories.

Accompanying General Eisenhower were Major General Alexander D. Surles, former Chief of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations, acting as press liaison officer on this tour of inspection, Lieut. Colonel J. Stack, Aide de camp, and an officer of the Inspector General's Department.

In addition to the visit to Letterman while in the San Francisco bay area General Eisenhower also inspected the activities of the Port of Embarkation before flying to Fort Ord—the next stop on his itinerary. The trip was the first which General Eisenhower has been able to make to acquaint himself with the situation on the ground in all parts of the country. Hitherto his time has been taken up with administrative duties in Washington in connection

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General Hillman greets the Chief of Staff on arrival at Letterman.

TO THE LETTERMAN STAFF

Unfortunately, lack of time prevented my speaking to the Letterman staff before leaving the hospital on Thursday afternoon. I take this opportunity, therefore, to thank the staff, the officers, nurses, enlisted men, civilian employees, as well as the Gray Ladies, for their work in behalf of your patients. It is clear to me that your sick and wounded are receiving the best possible professional care, and with it the personal consideration they so richly deserve. I greatly appreciate your fine work.

DWIGHT EISENHOWER
Chief of Staff

"Information, Please" Will Get You The Answer at LGH

"Hello, Hospital Information? My son in Hawaii wrote me he was coming home, and from my window I see a boat coming in. Is he on it?"

Prize question of last month, that one—and just a sample of the many queries the girls in the Information Office have to cope with daily.

Question-answering is just one of the assigned duties of the girls, six of them comprising a faithful crew who work shifts that rotate every two weeks. Sometimes they are on from 0800 to 1630, or 1000 to 1830; other times from 1600 to 2400, or 2400 to 0800.

Miss Marjorie Jones, who will celebrate her second anniversary here in April, is supervisor of the office, and has as helpers Fannye Feldman, Blanche Pritchard, Sgt. Maybelle Price, Cpl. Gladys Olson, Cpl. Irene Blake.

Marjorie checks special orders and schedules for trips, first thing in the morning. Then she checks the Arrival and Departure Sheet against the blue sheets for Officers' Report and individual departures. She also stamps and signs all visitors' passes, and does her share of all other work going on in the office.

The telephones are busy constantly. On the three instruments they have, they handle 90 per cent of the calls coming in to the hospital. One of their main duties is taking messages for the patients, who cannot be reached directly on the wards. This means they have to check their files (which are kept as up-to-the-minute as possible); take the operator's number for the patient, call the ward and transfer message to the proper person there!

Another important duty is locating officers and personnel for visitors, and directing strangers to the offices they wish to visit. All telegrams are delivered to the girls, who notify the ward or patient that "a wire's waiting!" During one of the busiest periods, Western Union figures show 1200 came through the office in one day!

All special delivery mail and packages of all sizes, shapes and descriptions are brought to the office, and these must be distributed as quickly as possible. The girls have figured it takes approximately three minutes to locate the destination of each article that is left at the office for delivery. And did we mention that each disposition and date is



INFORMATION OFFICE STAFF

The ladies with all the answers are L to R—Back row—Cpl. Gladys Olsen, Sgt. Maybelle Price, and Cpl. Irene Blake. Front row—Fannye Feldman, Marjorie Jones, and Blanche Pritchard.

entered in a special register?

Visitors must be directed to the wards correctly. Many visitors appear at the wrong time and insist on seeing patients anyway, but the girls have gotten smart, and never give out the ward number unless the hours are right.

The information Office never closes. Patients coming in late always look a little surprised, seeing one of the lovely gals working so hard, or reading so intently—depending on how busy the phones are.

The new admissions always involve a great deal of sorting, alphabetizing and filing into live files. Such a duty is big enough now, so you can imagine how busy the girls were during the many months Letterman was a debarkation hospital. During one of the fullest months, there was a turnover of nearly ten thousand patients, and the record day saw 1600 come in while 900 went out. After that mark none of the girls on the Information Desk could look at one of those little white cards without turning the

same color.

All the girls who work in the office get presents from patients and visitors. Grateful recipients of information bring them flowers and candy, in appreciation for the extra effort put forth when the problem is more complicated than the securing of a ward number.

Among the other varied duties, is the one assigned to the girl who works the "swing shift." Before she leaves in the morning, she wakes up the Emergency Adjutant with a phone call a la hotel service at 0700. Unofficial duty is directing patients who come in late at night and admit they have lost their way . . . especially those men newly arrived at Crissy, a hard spot to find the first few days.

The main attributes for a successful information worker are calmness, politeness and patience. And mind reading is a handy talent to have, too. Spelling of names is all important, when trying to locate someone, but many of the people who call don't know the correct combination

of letters in the name of the person they are seeking, and it takes many minutes of searching to locate the right card.

The job calls for a lot of sympathy, too. Many visitors arrive after a long journey, only to find that just that day the patient they came to see has been transferred to another hospital. As the girls in the office say, "you can laugh with them and cry with them . . . but there's never a dull moment."

The two recurring experiences that are most unusual concern the people who call to ask what the temperature outside the building is, (no one has figured out why they want to know) and the young ladies typified by the one who came in last week to ask for Sergeant James. The information girl on duty checked the patient list and found no such name. "What's his first name?" she asked. The girl, who "spent a whole dollar in cab fare coming out here" just looked bewildered, and said "I told you—it's James—I don't know his last name!"

What The Camera Caught of The Passing Parade Here



OUR WAC BASKETBALL TEAM
Back row--L to R--T-5 Helen Jenkins, T-4 Helen Spiczko, Sgt. Adams, T-5 Aurell Krueger, Cpl. Helen Giessen.
Front row L to R--M-Sgt. Opal Borders, S-Sgt. Eleanor Eaton, T-5 Ann Lester, and T-4 Malta Benge.



ANN LESTER
Goes up into the stratosphere to cage one for Letterman



NEWLY ARRIVED NURSES
From Hospital ship duty to Letterman and the smiles indicate their pleasure with the new detail. Front row L to R - Lieuts. Rosemary C. McLaughlin, of Lebanon, Pa., Hope F. Armour, of Newburgh, N. Y., Eileen M. Murphy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Loretta M. Kerwin, of Hancock, N. Y. Back Row--L to R--Lieuts. Lois I. Keeler, of Salamanca, N. Y., Eleanor B. Engler, of Avoca, Pa., Mildred H. Sowers, of Houlton, Me., and Virginia A. Erickson, of Warren, Pa.



CAPT. WILLIAM H. YOUNG
In the picturesque patois of the paratrooper tells the patients on F-1 some of his experiences in Germany.



THE VALENTINE PARTY
The man with the grim look is Tech. Sgt. Jack Lavelle as he watches the food disappear.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

CHIEF OF STAFF

This week Letterman was honored by the presence of the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, on a visit of inspection. It was the first time in our history that a five-starred general had crossed our portals and we were fortunate in having General Eisenhower as the man to make that event something to remember.

All of the great men who have preceded him in office have been worthy of the high honor. Their selection was the reward for outstanding peace time accomplishments. General Eisenhower was selected for his achievements on the field of battle and we look for even greater eminence in the peaceful years ahead.

His predecessors were men who directed the army from a great height. Men whose names were spoken with bated breath. Men whose presence created awe in the surrounding atmosphere. Men who proved themselves equal to their tasks.

General Eisenhower is the peer of his predecessors in ability, and in addition has a wealth of warmth in his make up. Every enlisted man in the army entertains the belief that where proximity permitted he would be perfectly proper in expressing his thoughts to the general. To them he is held in affection, even intimacy, and "Ike" rolls off their lips in conversation with ease.

The general was his usual affable self in his chats with the patients here at Letterman and everyone has a firm conviction of personal acquaintance with that great soldier from this time on.

Letterman was indeed honored by his presence.



By Bette Byers

Deepest sympathy is extended to Lieut. Esther Wicklund who is home in Sacramento on emergency leave due to the sudden and tragic death of her sister.

Nineteen nurses arrived on February 15th on the hospital ship Albeda E. Lutz from Hawaii. They are now in the Nurses' pool, awaiting further orders.

The housing problem in San Francisco cannot be more critical than that being experienced in the Nurses' quarters. With the constant arrival of new nurses, drastic measures will soon be taken to house them all. In the summer there is always the lawns and tents, but in the winter?????

Newest civilians to be released from Letterman are Lieuts. Mary Sacksteder and Margaret Gagnon who left for Ft. Sheridan, Illinois and Camp Beale respectively for discharge.

"Have you seen Harvey?" is the most common question these days in the Nurses' quarters. Seems as tho he's been around the place, and everyone is looking for him. Those who can't see him are said to be too normal.

Lieut. Ruth Wyllie left for an emergency leave the 15th of this month caused by her father's illness. Our sincere wishes are extended for his speedy recovery.

The Monday night bridge meet is making rapid progress. Last Monday brought seven tables of bridge fiends to the Nurses' Rec Hall where Lieut. Louis Levy of Ward N-1, one of the latest additions to the group is helping Lieut. Mary McGlynn with contract instructions.

We wondered if Major Verla Thompson stayed on her diet when she spent her day off with her family. Has she tried the 7-day apple diet????

Major Ann Benton of the Chief Nurse's Office was one of the lucky few who has seen "Oklahoma." She must have been an early bird to get the tickets, hmmm?



Captain Ernestine Stephenson enjoying a week end pass from durance vile on Ward "P".

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Captain William Murphy working on "F" while the workman fix up his office in a downtown office building.

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The vacant chair in the mess where sat Lieut. Barbara Graves before her plunge into matrimony last week.

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Miss Maggie Trumper modelling new shoes with wooden soles and making noise but not too much.

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Major Eileen Brady, Lettermanite of long ago, coming back to join the nursing staff.

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Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss and Gen. William C. Menninger pleading to be admitted to membership in our stamp collectors club. Miss Horne please note.

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Mrs. Rhonda Yarter off on a buying trip to Los Angeles and promising to stock the PX shelves with lots of goodies.

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Captain William R. Moody gathering up the loose ends in preparation for that trip to the ETO in the near future.

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"Mr." Patrick J. Sullivan back in "civvies" for a visit with his old cronies.

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Battle jackets blooming everywhere.

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New classes in a variety of subjects are being arranged by the Reconditioning Division through the cooperation of Mrs. Kaj Theill, who is working as educational coordinator from the San Francisco Adult Education Program.

Patients interested in any of the following subjects may indicate their interest by dropping by the Reconditioning office or telling the nurse, if they are confined to a ward:

Typing, French, American History, English, Spanish, and Public Speaking.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, February 24, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Euclid B. Frick

Mrs. Ida Euler Frick, wife of Colonel Euclid B. Frick, former commanding officer of Letterman General Hospital, died at her home in Los Altos, California, on 15 February 1946 after a long illness.

Funeral services were held in the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large group of friends with Chaplain Albert F. Click, assistant post chaplain at Letterman, officiating.

MORE ABOUT GENERAL EISENHOWER

with the demobilization of the war time army and the organization of its peace time replacement.

At the conclusion of his visit he addressed the patients over the hospital public address system in these few words:

"Hello Men: I have spent the last couple of hours going around Letterman in an effort personally to see as many of the wounded in this hospital as I possibly could, just so I could say to them a word of thanks for the grand service they rendered to the country.

"I am sorry that I couldn't have seen each of you and so I am taking this means to say to every man in this hospital, whether you were wounded in this country or on the battlefields of Japan or in the Pacific, in the European or Mediterranean theater, thanks from the bottom of my heart. If ever there is anything I can do for you and you get impatient with red tape, or you believe things are not going right, drop me a note, but don't drop me a note until you need to because I assure you I have plenty of mail.

"Thanks fellows, and good luck."

WAC OF THE WEEK



LILLIAN OHLSEN
Sergeant

Without Sgt. Lillian Ohlsen, the doctors in the G. U. Section would be lost, for she is their "right hand man." She's a crackerjack medical stenographer, having had twelve year's experience along this line before enlisting in the WAC.

Lillian is one of the few residents of California who was born and raised in the Bay area. Unlike most of us, she has no desire to travel. "This is my home," she says, a small sentence bearing a world of meaning.

On the spur of the moment, filled with curiosity and that always present patriotic urge to do her part during the war, Lillian enlisted in the WAC in October '44 in San Francisco. Her basic training was taken at Des Moines, after which time she was sent to Camp Carson, Colorado where she was a medical stenographer in the office of Chief of Surgical Service. Last August, she was transferred to Letterman and worked for one month in the Receiving and Evacuation Office. From there she was placed in ward F-1, where she is now located.

At one time in her career, Lillian dropped medical stenography to study nurse's training in the San Francisco Hospital. She would have completed her training, had not a doctor friend persuaded her to resume her stenographic career and work in his office.

"The patients on ward F-1 are grand," Lillian admits, and after hearing her soft spoken voice, we can understand why they drop in to see her for an occasional chat.

Chicago (CNS) — Neurotic Al Arati was thirsty. So he jumped from a bridge into the river, drank his fill and swam to shore. Awaiting him was an ambulance, a pulmotor and a cop. The latter arrested Al on a disorderly conduct charge.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL PLANNED FOR THE WOMEN OF THE MEDICAL DEPT.

Army nurses of World War II are taking their places along side the greatest women in American history, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the U. S. Army declared today.

Paying tribute to the heroic work of the nurses and medical women who served in the war, General Kirk declared that the project to build a Nurses National Memorial for them in Washington "will have the whole-hearted and unqualified support of everyone who knows of the sacrifices and the devotion to duty of these valiant soldiers of mercy."

The campaign to raise at least \$2,000,000 to build the "home" and social center for the nurses was formally launched at a luncheon in Washington at which General Kirk was the principal speaker. Arthur H. Johnson National Chairman of the memorial fund committee said that appeals are now going forth to every part of the country for contributions so that a site may be selected and construction plans formulated at the earliest possible date.

Declaring that the Army Corps, numbering only 949, on December 7, 1941, grew to a peak of 57,000 last year, General Kirk praised the exceptional record they helped to make in the Medical Department. Of their bravery he said:

"The nurses throughout the war shared the dangers and hardships that were the common lot of all who were in combat without ever asking any quarter or special consideration because of their sex.

"In North Africa I saw nurses living in tents just as the men did, wearing soldiers' clothing, combat shoes, and heavy wool socks. In the summer there was nothing but heat and dust with the temperature 120 in the shade. In the winter there was bitter cold and it was not uncommon to see them going about their routine duties wading ankle deep in mud. They compromised on candles when lights were not available and sweated out mess lines for C rations. They learned how to do their laundry in a steel helmet and how to keep warm in a tent without a fire. Through it all they showed a determination to serve to the best of their ability and to their last ounce of strength.

"At Anzio when there was grave doubt whether the beach head could

be held the commanders considered evacuating the nurses. Such a move would have impressed the soldiers with the extreme hazards of the situation and no doubt would have had a marked psychological effect at a time when the outcome might depend on the slightest factor. The nurses insisted on remaining with their patients. In the bitter, front line hours of that struggle the expression was often heard by the men, 'If the nurses can take it, I guess we can'."

"I think the spirit of the Army Nurse Corps is well exemplified in the action of Captain Gladys Mealer, Chief Nurse in the Tunnel at Corregidor. She was given the opportunity of boarding the last submarine scheduled to pay a call at the island. She replied she did not choose to leave 'as long as there's a patient in the hospital.' She knew as well as General Wainwright or anyone there that she was signing her captivity warrant.

"She could not know what was in store for her at the hands of the Japs, but it was far from a pleasant prospect. As it turned out, the 66 nurses and the dietitian and physiotherapist who remained toiled and sweated in the hall of the Santa Tomas internment camp for almost three years with nothing but rice to eat most of the time and not enough of that.

"It is because of such faithful care, service and devotion to the men who fought for their country that I am sure a grateful nation will be anxious to give full support to this worthy project.

"The real monument to the work of the Army Nurse is enshrined in the hearts of the men they served so well, but it is only fitting that we should build this monument of a permanent, practical nature as a token recognition of the nation's gratitude which they so richly have earned and deserve."

Broadway Commandos Wear 1918 Ribbon

New York (CNS)—A seldom-seen ribbon is cropping up nowadays on soldiers parading on Broadway. It's the Rhineland Occupation ribbon, which was awarded for service in Germany following World War I. Some of the present wearers of this ribbon had not even been born during that occupation.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JANE ELLEN KAUTZ

The cute-faced Letterman messenger answering to the name of Jane Ellen Kautz looks like a sharp fifteen, but proudly announces she passed her 19th birthday Monday of this week.

Jane has been at LGH since last August, coming here when her father, Major Harry Kautz, was transferred to duty at the Presidio. She graduated from school in Salt Lake City last year, and plans to go back to finish her education when she gets home to Lincoln, Nebraska "whenever that will be!"

Janie's big grey eyes and reddish-brown tresses are well known to the patients and personnel of the hospital. They see her dashing around the corridors delivering everything from memos to roses to medical supplies. Rumor has it that some of the boys chipped in to buy her a pair of roller skates to speed her journeys, but didn't succeed in convincing the authorities that Jane's eight-wheeled progress through the halls would lend dignity to the hospital!

In her spare time, Jane collects miniature vases—already has about 500 of the tiny containers. The hobby doesn't take too much of her interest, though, because she's more concerned with visiting the wards and being a hostess at the "Y." Jane has a special brand of morale and cheer she dispenses, and there are practically no patients unaware of the Kautz super-duper smile.

She likes life on the post much better than going out into the bright lights of San Francisco. "It's no fun—every time I go anywhere, they ask me if I'm 21!"

Springfield, Ohio (CNS)—Willie Martin mixed a little home brew. The contents: iodine, turpentine, lighter fluid, shoe polish and wine. Hospital attendants say Willie will live.

WAC

By Bette Byers

Our sincere speedy-recovery wishes are extended to Captain Stephenson who is spending these days on Ward P-1. Her charming smile is missed around the Detachment.

With handkerchiefs in hand, and tears in our green eyes, we are waving "goodbye and good luck" to the following who are leaving for Camp Beale and the outside world of civilians: T/5 Margaret Mackintosh, Sgt. Helen Thomas, and T/5 Grace Hall. Likewise to Cpl. Rose Casilio who is receiving her discharge at Fort Dix, New Jersey; Pfc Andrea Canales who trains it to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and T/4 Ann McKey and Pvt. Stella Messer, both on their way to Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Noted in the S. F. Chronicle Monday last this article quoted in part: "The Army, which learned in war time that a woman in some jobs can replace three or four men, plans to keep WACs as "part of the team" in the permanent peacetime Army. The WACs have done such an outstanding job that we can't get along without them," Major General Willard S. Paul, assistant chief of staff for personnel said. "The War Department has approved preliminary plans for a small permanent force of WACs." Polish up your dog tags, gals, those civilian dresses aren't yours for a while by the looks of a few things.

Congratulations to our winning basketball team who did us proud at Camp Beale last week. The least we can do is root them on to further victory when they compete for the Ninth Service Command Championship between February 25th and 28th. How about it????

The Valentine Dance given by the Detachment was a huge success from all reports. Those of you who missed it lost out on the best ham and apple pie baked since you were home on furlough. The men complain they outnumbered the WACs 10 to 1. This is for your information to be used in the future!!!

Camp Beale presented us with three newcomers this week. They are Pfc Leila Hambrick, T/5 Margaret Strozewski, and Pvt. Lilly Tillahash. Hope you like it here and decide to stay a while!!

OUR NEW QUEEN OF THE COPY DESK SHOULD REALLY BE IN THE NAVY



Mrs. REBECCA R. GARCIA
New "Queen of the Copy Desk" on the FOGHORN Staff.

One of the young people around here who never seems to display any interest in the weekly arrival of the FOGHORN is Mrs. Rebecca Garcia and the reason for that apparent indifference is she has already gone over the contents of the paper in her capacity as "Queen of the Copy Desk".

Prior to being sent down to the typesetter all material for publication must be neatly typed and the job of putting it into that form falls to Mrs. Garcia. It is to be supposed that she reads over what she types but she is so adapt at her machine it could be that she might copy the story without ever reading it. Try that some time for yourself—and note the results if you are not good at it.

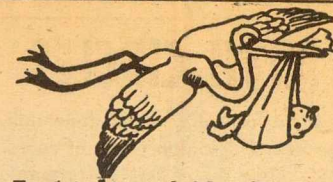
Mrs. Garcia has been at Letterman since January of last year and has been with the Chaplain's Office for her entire tour of duty. She has learned when to weep and when to laugh with the stories she previews before the chaplain comes into ac-

tion. She never has to ask a question; one look at her sympathetic features and the man is telling her why he came to see the chaplain. It is her decision which determines which chaplain will then take over as an audience of one.

It was back in Taos, New Mexico, that Mrs. Garcia was born but in early infancy she moved with her family to Denver. She went through high school in that city and remained there until last year when she came to San Francisco to marry into the Navy. Her husband is a pharmacist's mate and that may have prompted her to join the Letterman staff, even at the risk of being taunted as a traitor to the sea forces.

She has two brothers and one brother-in-law who affect bell-bottomed trousers as part of their uniforms so we can understand her position in the family circle.

Mrs. Garcia — "Becky" to her friends—took over as "Queen of the Copy Desk" in addition to her other



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ernest P. Johnson, a daughter, **Jane Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces, born 11 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Ralph A. Metzger, a daughter, **Mary Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 11 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Dennis S. Falk, a daughter, **Augusta Karen**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 13 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Richard B. Frankel, a daughter, **Margaret Marie**, weight 4 pounds and 8 ounces, born 13 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. William Coble, a son, **Charles Morrison**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 14 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Leo A. Wuori, a son, **Stephen Buell**, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 14 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William Kuntz, a son, **William Joseph III**, weight 5 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 15 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. George Solovskoy, a son, **George Paull Jr.**, weight 6 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 15 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Allen Mullins, a son, **Alan McBride**, weight 7 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 16 February.

To Major and Mrs. Glen Riggle, a daughter, **Barbara Susan**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 16 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Tyre Watson, a daughter, **Suzanne**, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 16 February.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Joel C. Lee, a daughter, **Leslie Stuart**, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces, born 17 February.

duties and since joining the staff of the FOGHORN she still persists in getting to work on time. The editor hoped she would be a good example for the others on the staff but as we gallop to press he is still hoping. Perhaps he should start hoping that Becky will not imitate her sisters on the staff.

We welcome Mrs. Garcia to the royal line of queens who have graced the copy desk.

CIVIL CIRCLES

A lot of water haes gone under the bridge (Golden Gate, of course) since Elvie Jones left Letterman in 1944. After seeing much action in the South Pacific, he has returned and is now a civilian carrying on with his duties in the Hospital Police force.

A big welcome to Idella Kotler, who hails from Fort Melville, New Jersey. She's the latest added attraction to the Dental Branch. Also, from DeWitt General Hospital, we are delighted to have Dorothy Webb, who is assigned to the Neurological section in the East Hospital.

Another new arrival on the Letterman scene is Lillian Wikstrom, who is happily ensconced behind a nice desk with a beautiful view in the office of Military Personnel.

With all the new welcomes, there always follows a few farewells. Cheerio to Pat Wilson, who bids goodbye to her friends this week and takes up new duties in one of the large department stores. Next time you're in the market for a new fur coat, see Pat—she'll help you select the best!

Mrs. Lillian Bowman of Service Record Section is leaving, also, to join her husband in Seattle. And departing from the library this week are Edith Bitner and Kay Wilde. A boat trip to the Philippines is in store for Edith, who will join her husband, a Navy doctor assigned to a hospital there. Kay heads for southern California to be with her husband, newly released from service.

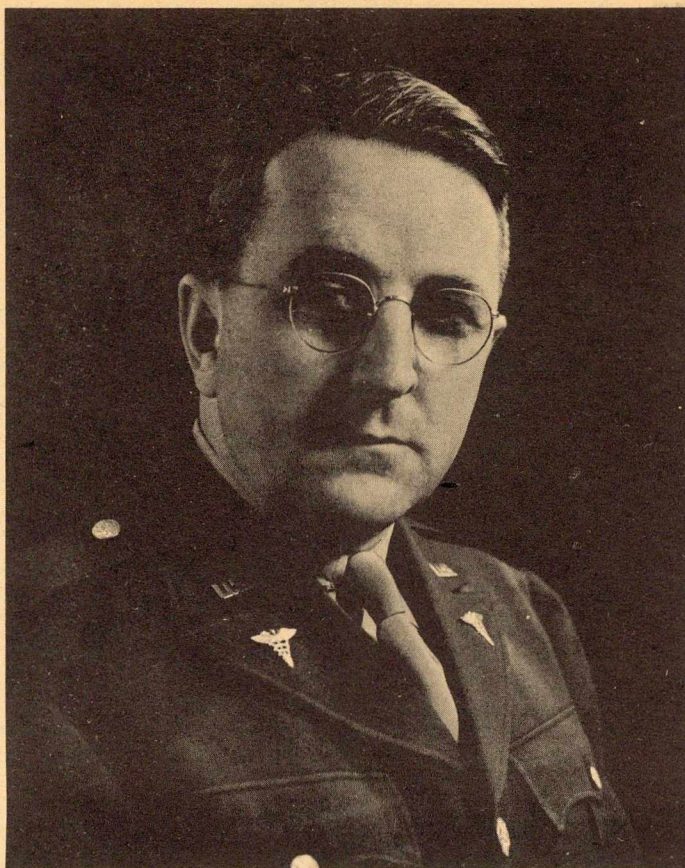
Feature of the Letterman vs. Red-heads game was our Dental Officer, Major Slater, who came through with a trick roping exhibition between halves. Among the spectators cheering him were Mary Lerner, Ruth Henry, and Josephine Alessi.

Missing a few days from the EENT section, Jane Geiger is back at her desk feeling much better after a siege of the flu.

Art in London Pubs

London (CNS) — Because they want to "bring art and the pub in to closer communion," 4 English brewing companies have commissioned artists to paint 164 pictures which will be circulated from bar to bar. It's part of a plan to revive the beauty that used to be everywhere in the old English inns, say the sponsors.

OUR CHIEF OF SURGICAL SERVICE IS PROMOTED TO "EAGLE" COLONEL



Colonel JOHN D. LAMON, Jr., MC
Chief of the Surgical Service who received his "eagles" last week.

When a Boy Scout becomes an "Eagle" Scout it is something to talk about and when an army officer becomes an "Eagle" colonel he really has something. That happened to the chief of our Surgical Service last week and all of us are very happy about it.

There was a time in this man's army when a lieutenant colonel was a high ranking officer but the recent war reduced that grade to a parity with the "shave tails" of World War I. It was not true that a supply of silver oak leaves came up with the rations every morning and were distributed with the same careless abandon, and it is of doubtful veracity that a Western Union messenger boy went into the Pentagon Building on a Friday afternoon and emerged the following Monday as a lieutenant colonel. But that story persists to the present day—and a recent visit to the Pentagon Building disclosed lieutenant colonels too

numerous to mention.

Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., joined our staff almost a year ago as Chief of the Surgical Service, and he has maintained the same high standards of professional excellence that has characterized Letterman throughout the years of its history. Only of his predecessors in that office is the present Surgeon General of the Army—Major General Norman T. Kirk—and if Colonel Lamon were a "Regular" we would make the prediction that he too would become Surgeon General in the course of time.

On 1 November of last year Letterman reverted to the status of a hospital for definitive treatment and became a center for neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmic surgery, plastic surgery, and general surgery. The increase in the number of patients on the surgical side of the hospital demanded nearly all of the space in the main hospital and

Red Cross

The parades are over but the war is still going on for the wounded in hospitals and the men still overseas. The Red Cross aids these men with little personal comforts for the sick and clubs and canteens for those far from home.

In a statement issued yesterday, General Hillman said:

"As the 1946 American Red Cross Fund Campaign begins we must not lose sight of the continued need for the services that are rendered by this organization. During the transition from war to peace many veterans and their families face problems more serious than ever before. In our premanent military hospitals the patient load continues unabated. The need for Red Cross assistance in recreation and social service programs exists as heretofore. Keeping these facts in mind, we should contribute, each according to his ability, to the end that the American Red Cross may continue to provide the tremendous volume and fine quality of service that we have learned to expect of it in the past. C. C. Hillman, Brigadier General, USA, Commanding."

the staff under Colonel Lamon took that expansion in stride. Letterman will share with the Madigan General Hospital the post war care of the sick and wounded for the western section of the country, and the organizational set-up arranged by Colonel Lamon will be adequate for whatever develops under that project.

Lamon rhymes with Damon and that suggests Pythias. Right here we have our own Damon & Pythias in the twain of Colonel Lamon and Colonel Leonard Heaton, the assistant Chief of Surgery. They are just as inseparable as the pair immortalized by Vergil. It is safe to say that when Lamon hoves in sight Heaton is not far behind. And in the operating room they make a team without peer anywhere in the army.

Colonel Lamon has long been eligible for separation from the service but graciously deferred his return to civil life to assist in the reorganization of Letterman for the big work ahead. His contribution to our high standing among the general hospitals of the army will be remembered far into the future.

Letterman WAC Team On The Way to Be Service Champions

The Letterman WAC Basketball team rode the victory bus home from Camp Beale and the District of Ninth Service Command's tournament last Saturday. The deciding games for the representative of the Central District were played Thursday and Friday nights between Fort Mason and Letterman, with scores 39-30 and 50-38 respectively. Acting Captain T/5 Ann Lester was spectacular, scoring 29 points in the first game, and 40 in the second!! The girls who have practiced so long and earnestly to make our team recognized are T/5 Ann (Tony) Lester, M/Sgt. Opal Borders, S/Sgt. Eleanor Eaton, T/4 Helen Spiczko, T/4 Malta Benge, Cpl. Helen Giesson, T/5's Frances Jenkins, and Aurell Krueger.

While guests of Camp Beale, the girls stayed at the "casual" barracks, spending many hours during the day to perfect their long-range basket tossings, short passes, and other basketball techniques. During the evenings, they were invited to many social activities held by the Camp Beale Detachment, and NCO club.

The Ninth Service Command Final Championship will be played at the Letterman gym February 25 to 28, with two teams representing each district of the command, or a total of eight teams. The Central District will be represented with our Letterman victory team, and Fort Mason's runner-uppers. All teams with the exception of one, are made up of WAC's.

Sgt. Borders is making arrangements for the guests so that the event will long be remembered.

Watch for the final schedule to be posted in the near future. The event will be a "must" on your list!

One-Legged Athlete Aids Rehabilitation

Washington (CNS) — Walter Bura, 31, who won national recognition as an engineer and enough money to retire despite the amputation of his left leg 5 years ago, was named Director of Prosthetic Devices for the Veterans Administration. He'll have charge of research on artificial limbs and training of men requiring them in their use. Despite his disability, Bura walks, runs, swims, skis, shoots golf in the low 80's, goes in for fancy high diving, and pilots his own plane.



Brig. Gen. WILLIAM C. MENNINGER, AUS
Who received the Distinguished Service Medal at formal presentation ceremonies this week at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington for outstanding performance of duties as Consultant in Neuropsychiatry to the Surgeon General of the Army.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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WACs May Re-Enlist For The Duration Under New Rules

FT. DOUGLAS, UTAH — Former members of the Women's Army Corps who desire to return to military duty are now being accepted, and applications of former enlisted WACs should be submitted without delay, it was announced today by Headquarters, Ninth Service Command.

Applicants accepted will be re-enlisted in the grade held at time of discharge, but they must volunteer to remain in service either for the duration plus six months or until September 30, 1946. All volunteers must meet the standards applicable to enlistment in the WAC in effect in August 1945, except that the age limit is raised to 49, and they must waive all rights to discharge because of marital status or age.

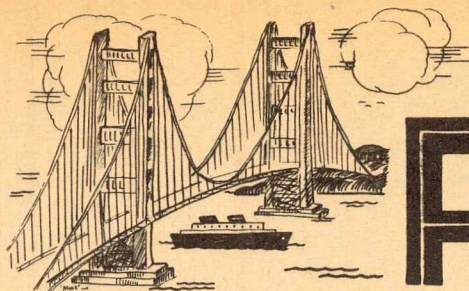
The plan is designed to permit the re-entry into the service of skilled women who are needed by the Army to supplement the program now underway to encourage WACs still in uniform to remain on active duty beyond their eligibility for separation, to meet the critical shortage of skilled personnel in separation centers, hospitals and other installations.

Army recruiting offices throughout the nation have complete information on the program. Volunteers for re-enlistment should submit applications in writing to the nearest Army recruiting officer, who will forward the letter to The Adjutant General in Washington, D. C.

Information which must accompany applications includes full name and former serial number of applicant, grade held at time of discharge, race, age, marital status, mail address, period for which volunteering, and desire for overseas theater, if any, or other assignment, and statement waiving rights to discharge because of marital status or age.

San Francisco (CNS) — Adventurous Ronny Rittger, 10, and his pal Ed Perrier, 4, skipped home one day, lived for a week on cookies and old buns atop a movie theater. "It was hell," said worldly Ronny.

Oakland, Cal (CNS) — Mrs Lulu Meyers 'phoned a coffin manufacturer. "I want to order a coffin," said she. Then she hung up and jumped to her death from a 10th story window.



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Headquarters of New Sixth Army to Be at Presidio

According to official information passed out by the War Department this week, there will be a re-organization of the forces on the Pacific Coast effective yesterday. General Joseph Stillwell, the hero of Burma, will be the commanding general of the newly re-activated Sixth Army, with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The Seventh Corps headquarters at the Presidio of Monterey, and the Western Defense Command at the Presidio of San Francisco, both ground forces units, are inactivated and their staffs merged to form the headquarters of the Sixth Army.

"This amalgamation of headquarters is the result of the present streamlining of the Army ground forces and will reduce the number of headquarters in the Pacific Coast area, putting all the ground forces installations in this area under one command" is the way the official announcement put it.

The old Sixth Army was inactivated shortly after the fall of Japan and had a brilliant record of achievement in the Pacific area. The army began in Australia and fought all the way to the recapture of the Philippines.

Meanwhile, it is said, the possibility existed that the headquarters of the Ninth Service Command, which was moved from San Francisco to Salt Lake in the early days of the war, would be returned to San Francisco. This point has not been completely settled as yet although rumors to that effect have been current here and in Salt Lake for the past two years.

In the new Sixth Army Major General Frank Merrill, commander of the famed "Merrill's Marauders" in Burma will be Chief of Staff to General Stillwell.



GENERAL JOSEPH STILLWELL
Commanding General, Sixth Army
Who is our new neighbor over at the Presidio

GENERAL HILLMAN PRESENTS AWARDS

Formal recognition of the sacrifices they made for their country was given to three patients Monday in presentation ceremonies held in General Hillman's office.

First to receive his decoration by General Hillman was Pvt. Wayne A. Drager, of Salt Lake. Pvt. Drager was awarded the Bronze Star, which he won for heroic action during the heavy fighting in the Ruhr Valley in Germany. Drager took a fallen medic's place and brought back a wounded fellow soldier at great risk to his own life.

Next to be awarded was Staff Sergeant John E. Rutherford, of Watsonville, California, who received the Order of the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received during action at Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands, 15 February 1945.

The second Purple Heart award of the day went to T/5 George N. Minden of Lewiston, Idaho. Minden was wounded in action when shelled by enemy mortar fire while establishing an observation post in the European Theater of Operations on 15, November, 1944.

The Mayor Visits Wards on Hospital Tour This Week

Mayor of San Francisco Roger Lapham paid a visit to Letterman Thursday, touring the wards and addressing a large group of ambulatory patients in the "Y" auditorium, after luncheon as the guest of General Hillman.

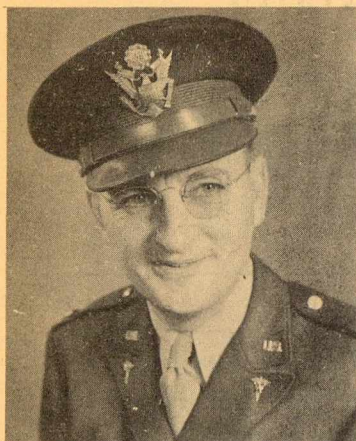
Accompanied by Lois Collier Young and Eneas Kane, secretary of public relations, the Mayor chatted with patients in B-1, D-1 and E-1 before adjourning to the "Y" for the orientation session, one in a series of meetings arranged by the Reconditioning Division, planned to bring the top San Francisco executives to address our patients.

Mayor Lapham reviewed his experiences at the UNO conference in London, and gave the audience a clear picture of the issues and problems the world faces today. He told the men that they, as young, aggressive, responsible citizens, will have to help solve these serious problems, because the American public must continue to be leaders in world affairs. How the veterans feel, and most important how they act, will help determine the outcome of the many vital world issues.

The Mayor also assured them that the public of San Francisco will never forget them or what they have done. There have been many agencies set up by the city to assist veterans, and they are not only doing a good job today, but will continue to work for the men as long as the veterans have problems, the Mayor said.

The entertainment half of the orientation session was brilliantly taken care of by Leighton Noble and his famous orchestra, who played some specialty numbers, among others, that were cheered by the patients was some of the best music they had ever heard.

"Going Home, Going Home" Popular Dirge These Days



WILLIAM R. MOODY
Captain, MAC

The grand rush to the exits from Letterman into the wide world has for the moment slowed down although there is a steady trickle of personnel outward bound.

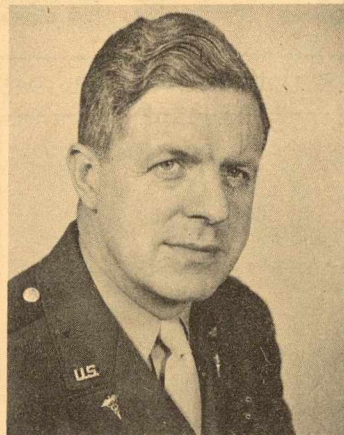
Leaving us this week is Captain William R. Moody who had been around here so long that he was considered a "sine qua non"—a permanent asset to you—for the continued existence and functioning of Letterman. The captain came here in 1941 as a staff sergeant and was assigned to the sergeant major's office. When the S.M. was commissioned Moody was moved up into his place with the grade of Master Sergeant. In February 1943 he was promoted to Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, and assistant to the Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, and in May of the same year he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant and assistant to the Post Adjutant.

Capt. Moody was later appointed Personal Affairs Officer for the command and in that role he did an outstanding job. For reasons unknown to most of us "Personal Affairs" received no publicity although it was a very important factor in the morale field. While he was holding this office he received his commission as Captain in June 1945. On the retirement of Colonel Herbert he became the Registrar and held that office until ordered overseas last week.

Capt. Moody made his round of farewell calls on Wednesday and headed for Fort Jackson as the first stop on the route to the European Theatre of Operations.

Another "old timer" following in the wake of the departing Lettermanites is 1st Lieutenant Blanche

V. Snyder, Army Nurse Corps, who has been with us since October 1943. She was born in Salt Lake and took her professional training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, where she was a contemporary of Regina and Mary Burnett, former members of our nursing staff.



MOSES J. HOLDSWORTH
Captain, MC

Lieut. Snyder early learned the advantages of the California climate and came west to work in Sacramento, Oakland, and San Francisco before joining up for military service. Letterman has been her only station and for the greater part of her time here she was on duty at the ENT clinic—well off the beaten track and on the second floor. Like so many of the others who are leaving the service Lieut. Snyder plans to take a little vacation before settling down to steady work again.

Still another to move out this week was Captain Moses J. Holdsworth, M.C., Chief of the Urology Section on the surgical side. He joined us in November 1944 and had only one assignment in that period. His ultimate destination is Grand Rapids whence so many of our medical confreres came to help us fight this war on this side of the ocean. Capt. Holdsworth's departure leaves Capt. William Murphy carrying the load on urology for the next few weeks and then he too will be resuming his role as a doctor in civilian life right here in San Francisco.

The Receiving and Evacuation Section, or that part of it at Crissy Annex unit, lost a strong pillar in the separation of Staff Sgt. Sigmund Arywitz last week. He grew up with that organization, or vice versa, and he became a valuable adjunct in his

role of Chief Clerk. The sergeant thought enough of us to pass by for another word of farewell after he had been processed "out" at Camp Beale. He will return to Hollywood and, as he put it, "become a competitor" by publishing a paper of his own. If the cigars hold out, we know he will make a success of that job too.

Dante Annex felt the tug of the heart strings also in the past week when Major Edward F. Campion and Major Owen C. Mullaney trekked up to Beale for the final approval on their separation from the service.



BLANCHE J. SNYDER
1st Lieut. ANC

Major Campion joined Letterman staff in September 1942 and remained with us to the end of his military career. He practiced in San Francisco before the war and hopes to get some of it back when he dons civilian attire again. He was in the top bracket as a golfer and whenever he could get a spare hour for his favorite exercise the spectators on the Presidio course were treated to the sight of uncanny sinking of long putts. We will always be happy to watch him in that role and hope he will drop in often on his way to the course.

Major Owen C. Mullaney joined us last July on transfer from Bushnell General Hospital. He was assigned to the Dante Annex and served as Chief of Obstetrical Service. He is a graduate of Boston University Medical School and will return to that part of the country to resume practice and his teaching role at the same school. The major really wants to get back to Boston and, having little trust in the comforts of train travel these days,

he will drive the old car all the way back. He figures in that way he will have a car when he gets there, evidence of the celebration of the smart Irishman—and a "good Joe".

We would like to stop this passing parade but like time, it marches on. One more to help pack down the well worn trail to Beale is Captain Andrew R. Edwards, Jr., who has been with us since May 1944, and Special Services Officer all that time. He was an outstanding college basketball player and diamond star and the Letterman teams he coached and managed during his tour here were in the top ranks of the local and service teams.

And the post office will feel the pinch when Sergeant Edwin L. Stockton ends his tour of forty months, all but two of which were spent in assisting the mail get to



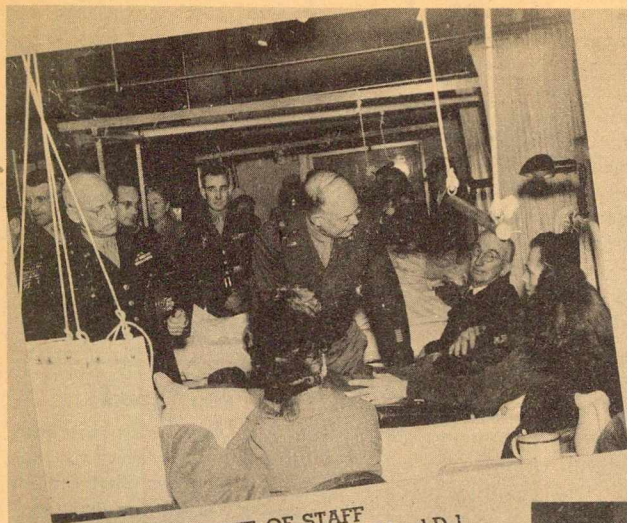
SIGMUND ARYWITS
Staff Sergeant

the right man. Until last November he was assistant to Sgt. Ryan and took over the supervision of the Letterman post office when Ryan was separated from the service.

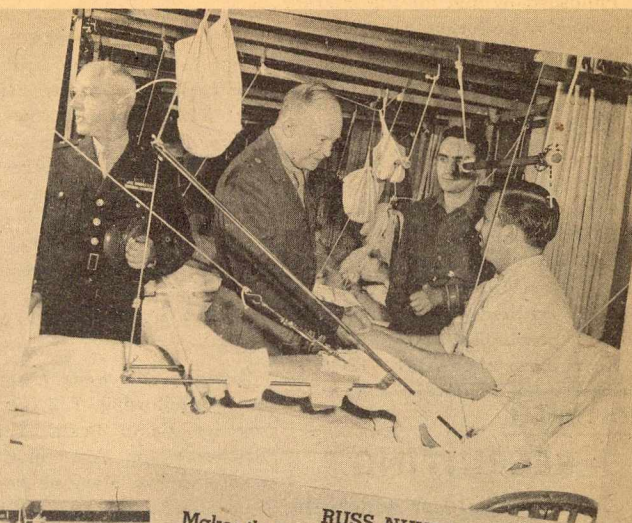
Sgt. Stockton has been a most conscientious worker on his job and never let a little thing like extra hours interfere with getting the mail through. Since the army has started to fall apart his work has been trebled but he maintained his high standard of performance of duty without complaint. It will take more than one man to take his place.

Those of us who remain at Letterman will work a little longer each day—no 40 hour week here—because like real troupers we believe "The show must go on" the sick and wounded must be cared for.

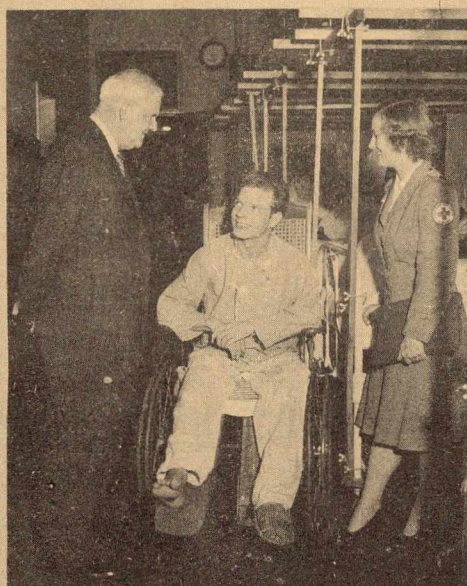
IN THE CAMERA'S EYE AT LETTERMAN THIS WEEK



THE CHIEF OF STAFF
Chats with T-3 Elbert Griffin on Ward D-1 while the family listens in.



RUSS NUNES
Makes the front page of the home town paper with General Eisenhower and General Hillman. T-5 Frank Cornell is witness.



HIS HONOR THE MAYOR
Of San Francisco, Rodger D. Lapham, chats with Pfc. Edward Mayer while Mrs. Lois Moran Young smilingly looks on

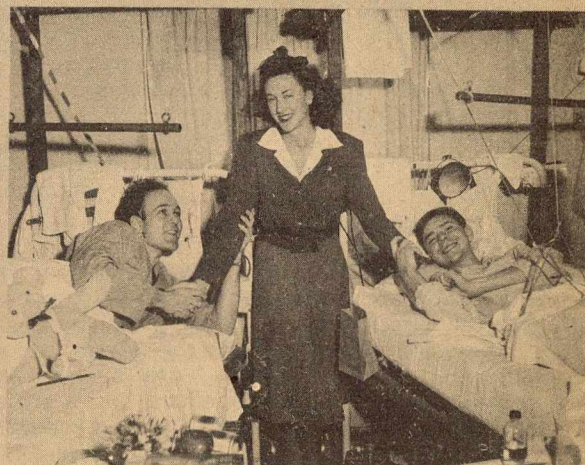
AWARDS

General Hillman expresses a word of congratulations to L to R—Pvt. Wayne Drager, recipient of the Bronze Star, S-Sgt. John E. Rutherford and T-5 George D. Minden awarded the Purple Heart.



"LET'S KEEP KAY"

Protest Pvt. Edward Seifert and Pvt. Leo Kesl when Kay Hardy, departing publicist, went to pay a round of PPC calls on the patients ward M-1.



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EDITORIAL

RECRUITING

The rapid rate at which the war time army is being demobilized makes it imperative that replacements be procured almost as rapidly if the army is to carry out the mission assigned to it by the Congress.

The recruiting campaign now in progress throughout the country is meeting with a fair degree of success but the number of accepted applicants will have to be stepped up if Selective Service is to be eliminated as a source of replacements for those eligible for separation.

The advances made along technical lines in the air and ground forces have completely changed the army we knew in the interim between World War I and World War II. Close order drill will no longer take up so much time on the training schedule and the men will spend more time in the lecture halls and the shops. It will be a mechanical army with trained men to keep the machines oiled and in working order. It will be an army where a man may learn something that will be of benefit as a means of livelihood when he ceases to be a soldier.

The service should be made attractive to men of quality and quantity alone should not be the criterion on which the efficiency of a recruiting sergeant is based. Truth should be a factor in painting the picture for the recruit. In our quarter century of service we have listened many times to

WAC

By Bette Byers

For the first time, civilians were admitted to the inner chambers of the WAC's barracks on this post where they stayed almost a week. We are speaking of the civilian basketball team who lived "up on the hill" during the time they participated in the tournament of the Ninth Service Command Championship. Their reaction? "Isn't this cute! It's just like camping out!" No comment.

Leaving this week for separation are the following: T/5 Beatrice Kelsey for Camp Beale, T/5 Evelyn Szymczak for Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and Pvt. Marjorie Pope for Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Best of luck to you three!

Robins and flowers are making their appearance again, but the best way to foretell an early spring is the news of two weddings this week. Church bells will ring Sunday for T/5 Rose LePore, leaving on a 15-day furlough to be married at her parent's home in San Diego to Cpl. Harry H. Smith. The romance began at Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, when Harry was a patient and Rose was a detachment girl. Both will wear their summer military uniforms for the ceremony. The groom, a liberated Japanese prisoner, was recently discharged from the service. Rose was a dental technician and worked for Captain Spadolini of the dental annex. After Rose's release from the service, the couple will make their home in Orange, California, the groom's home town.

Ward M-2 holds sentimental memories for T/4 Marjorie Siddament and Cpl. William G. Bailey. It was there they met, she as wardmaster, he a patient. The romance culminated last Tuesday at 4 o'clock in the post chapel.

the repetition of instances where veracity was sadly strained. Such practice cannot be defended.

The army offers a career to this generation; a career in which intelligence will pay dividends to the individual and to the service.

After all—it has proven itself the best army in the world. The nation wants to keep it that way.



By Bette Byers

Have you seen the glint in the eyes of 1st Lieut. Blanche Snyder recently? The reason is obvious: she leaves for Camp Beale and a loooong vacation March 1st. Accompanying her to Beale will be 2nd Lieut. Mildred "Mickey" Osborn.

Happy is the bride . . . We are referring to 2nd Lieut. Norma Wood, whose Navy husband is here, which adds to the delight of that trek to Camp Beale for her separation from the Army Nurse Corps.

2d Lieuts. Cathleen Meagher, Ruth MacDonald, and Pauline Keefe are bound for Ft. Dix, New Jersey, Sunday, March 3rd.

Another farewell to be said this week goes to 2d Lieut. Lillian Walton who is on the "heading for Camp Beale" list. Our good luck wishes accompany all of you!

One set of our twins, 1st Lieuts. Catherine and Evelyn Powell have been transferred to beautiful Percy Jones General Hospital in Battle Creek Michigan. Sorry to see them leave.

Now that Major Verla Thompson left for Fort Ord, we are worried about her diet. She had so many interested spectators while she was stationed in the Assistant Chief Nurse's Office!

Speaking of diets . . . what's this Monday only liquid diet that everyone in the Nurses' Quarters keeps chattering about?

Second Lieut. Grace Otash is spending her two-day leave in Los Angeles, while 1st Lieut. Betty Stark prefers a longer journey to her home in Vancouver, B. C., for her 15 days' leave.

Also on the "traveling while resting" list is 1st Lieut. Elizabeth L. McCubbins who is spending her ten-day leave in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Our congratulations go to 2d Lieut. Martha F. Bengé who pinned bright new silver bars on her shoulders this month. Elizabeth Penfield also turned in gold for silver when she received notice that she is now a 1st Lieut. In her case, the notice was a little late, being received this month but effective last December!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, March 3, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Nurses Honored

Fifty-eight Army nurses have been cited by the U. S. Treasury "in appreciation of services rendered in behalf of the War Finance Program" during the Eighth Victory Loan Drive, according to a recent announcement.

"According to reports from all over the country, the Army nurses who were assigned to the War Finance Chairmen made a most outstanding contribution to the success of the Drive," Mr. Ted R. Gable, Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, wrote in a letter to Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General. "I cannot commend these young women too highly for the fine spirit of cooperation with the state officials and for the high quality of their service to the Treasury."

In his thanks to Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, General Kirk wrote: "I want to thank you personally and on behalf of the Medical Department for this fine showing by the members of the Army Nurse Corps . . . it is another instance of the willingness of Army nurses to attack any assignment they may receive, professional or otherwise, and an indication of their ability to succeed. Their success in this instance has reflected great credit, not only upon themselves, but upon the Army Medical Department."

New Class In Woodworking

Starting Tuesday, there will be a new class in woodworking in the Occupational Therapy shop from 9 to 12. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter, and the course will specialize in upholstery and all practical methods of woodworking.

WAAC OF THE WEEK



MARGARET E. WHITACRE
Technician Fifth Grade

The able assistance in the photo department who helps to produce all our Fog Horn pictures is T/5 Margaret E. Whitacre. Camera shy, Marge admits "photography is fascinating as long as I'm not the subject." "Little, but oh my!" pertains to our dark-room technician, for she stands only 5'½" ("don't forget the one-half inch!") tall.

Marge enlisted in the WAC's on March 15, 1945. "From the income tax office to the WAC recruiting office" is her slogan! Her basic days were spent at Oglethorpe, "playland of the south" (but not for WAC's!), and her first assignment was as a clerk at Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City, Utah before arriving at Letterman on January 8 to take up her duties on L-2.

Marge was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, but claims California as her home after residing in Oakland the past seven years. She attended the University of California in Berkeley, taking photography as a major subject, which accounts for her present assignment here.

Before signing on the dotted line, she worked as a purchasing clerk for the Air Corps, Port of Overseas Air Service Command in Oakland. Her re-enlistment as a civilian will find her in photography, however.

Versatile is the word for Marge as we learn of her recreational interests. Bowling is tops, with a neat average of 135, and dancing, swimming, and symphonies are close follow-ups. Besides this variety, Marge is quite handy with a needle, designing her own clothes, and putting them together in record time. Right now this talent is wasted, but there'll come a day when she can once again choose materials and styles never known to Army regulations.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross, under the provisions of its Congressional charter, continues to fulfill its manifold obligations to extend cheer and aid to our servicemen in distant areas overseas, to provide servicemen and veterans, and wounded and sick in hospitals, with solace and a link with home, and to maintain its traditional services of aiding victims of catastrophe, and of training men and women of our nation to combat sickness and accident and to reduce suffering and death; and

WHEREAS new obligations have arisen to assist veterans and their families in the many difficult problems of return to civilian life and resumption of long-interrupted normal peacetime relations, and to contribute to the care of peoples in areas devastated by military operations, whose distress appeals with utmost urgency to every source of help for months ahead; and

WHEREAS at this time when the foundations of peace are being established, the American National Red Cross by its very nature and purpose and by its long record of humanitarian service, stands both as symbol and as tangible expression of the spirit of universal good will, recognizing no barriers in the unity of human welfare; and

WHEREAS this organization, which represents the solicitude of our people for the care of its servicemen and its lofty ideals for the prevention of suffering, and which is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions to carry out its purposes, is issuing its nation-wide appeal for the contribution of a minimum fund of \$100,000,000:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month of March, 1946 as Red Cross Month, and urge every citizen of this country to respond to the utmost of his ability in support of this indispensable humanitarian cause.

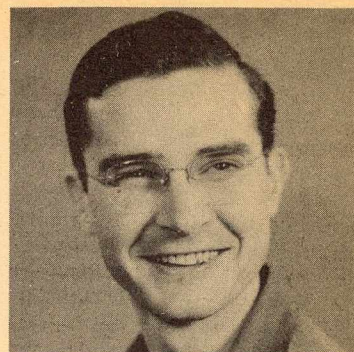
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventieth.

By the President:

JAMES F. BYRNES
Secretary of State

ON THE SPOT



ROY BLACKBURN
Technician 5th Grade

Roy Blackburn is a man with no home. Originally he came from Kansas, but since then he has stored his belongings with his sister in Fresno and lived the Army life.

He joined Uncle Sam's forces January 28, 1944, went to Monterey, California for four days, then on to Aberdeen, Maryland Proving Ground. He had already studied to be a carpenter and painter, but when he went to Ordnance school he became a clerk.

After a six weeks' blitz course in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he came out this time as a tanker, and he was sent overseas in March. On arrival he was assigned to the 637th Tank Destroyer Battalion in the province of Rizal on Luzon.

After the close of hostilities, Roy was sent to Yokohama and had the dubious pleasure of guarding some of the top Japanese war criminals at Omorie prison; Homma, Tojo and the rest.

Roy came to Letterman in November, last year, having been flown here in a C-47 from Atsugi. He's a journeyman by trade, but while he's here he plans to take some special courses in blue-print reading and trade drafting.

Roy was celebrating his engagement via long distance Valentine's Day. His fiancée is 'way back in Erie, Pennsylvania, but they had agreed to officially announce their wedding intentions on Cupid's Day—so she donned her ring, and he donned a big smile and the distance between them didn't mean a thing!

Ponca City, Okla (CNS)—It's just like home in the Ponca City jail these days. Police Chief Joe McFadden has hung chintz curtains on all the joss-house windows "just to brighten the joint up a little."

Ward Wanderings

By Kay Hardy

Everyone is still talking about General Eisenhower's fabulous memory for places and people. Pvt. Ed Seifert in Ward M-1 was telling the Chief of Staff where he was wounded, fighting in the ETO. "Oh, yes," recalled "Ike," "that's where we fooled them—instead of going north, we went south." Replied Ed, "No wonder I got shot—I was going east!"

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Some of Letterman's institutions are slowly disappearing. Murphy's Bar and Grill has been broken up by the transfer of T/5 Russ Nunes to the bed nearest the nurses' office, in D-1. Former partner Jack Cole has latched on to a wheel chair so he can whiz down to see his pal.

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COMING AND GOING: S/Sgt. Stuart Bailey is back from a month's furlough spent soaking up sun in Los Angeles and Arizona . . . Sgt. Howard Prescher will soon be visiting Letterman as a civilian instead of haunting the PX as a patient—his home is in San Francisco, and he'll be around after his discharge to catch up on all the hospital doin's . . . Pvt. George J. Guzman got himself a pass for the first time in six months and used it to go see his wife and baby in Centerville.

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Barney "That's a joke, son" Becker of Ward N-2 wants to know if you know what's new in real estate? Lots!

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Visitors to Ward E-1 are getting the fright treatment these days. Pfc. Mervin Coburn and Pfc. Ed Farhadian are the crime partners who have rigged up "Mike," an oversized rodent made from wool yarn of a shade known as "Repulsive Brown." "Mike" zooms from nowhere, up the sides of the bed, and stares impudently at all ward-wanderers, especially females.

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Clide Dawson of D-1 has finished another brown leather purse. What are you doing with all of them, Clide? . . . Joe Menardi of O-2 takes off next week for Seattle and civilian life . . . Back-to-normal note: Bob Trotter has returned from furlough and is once more winking at all us lucky girls!

KAY HARDY, PUBLIC RELATIONS AIDE, MOVES TO A COTTAGE AT CARMEL



Miss KAY HARDY
Public Relations Aide who left this week for a sojourn at Carmel and a writing career without deadlines.

Away back in August of last year the FOGHORN introduced a new staff member with the headline "Hardy of Hollywood here and hopefully house hunting." In those early days of her connection with this paper Kay spent all of her off-duty hours looking for a place to live. It became sort of an avocation for her and she never quite gave up looking.

In the interim she became a valued member of the staff and a superior public relations representative. She brought to that job a wealth of experience gained in and around Hollywood with the daily papers and the fan magazines. She had her own column in one—she was "The Chatterbox" of Modern Screen.

When the liberated prisoners of war came home—the RAMPS or recovered American Military Personnel, if you wish to know what the big letters stand for—Kay did yeoman work in assisting the press and radio with background stories on the officers and men who were very

much in the limelight. Queries by the hundreds came to the Public Relations Office every day and Kay kept the replies going back as fast as the wires could take them.

As a civil service employee she was paid for 48 hours a week. As a young lady who knew she had a big job to do she worked 60 and 70 hours per week. Could be that she did not call it "work" to help with the adjustment of men who had been out of contact with the world they knew before it collapsed all around them and they went into the notorious Japanese prison camps. Kay is that kind of girl.

Her relations with the local press, the news wire services, and the radio stations were most harmonious and she built up a pile of good will toward Letterman among the people who dispense the news. When the representatives of the news media came to the hospital she gave them her personal attention and her overall knowledge of conditions here made her assistance something to count on.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Taking advantage of Washington's Birthday was an incentive for many to pack their traveling kits and take off for the long week-end. To the Sonoma Inn for three glorious days of relaxation went Mary Lerner from the Dental Branch and Martha Phillips of Military Personnel . . . There wasn't a dull moment for "Ace" Guth in the big city of Los Angeles—and she returned Wednesday with a beautiful neon tan . . . The snow at Pinecrest appealed to Helen Hoffman of Occupational Therapy as she donned skis and took to the slopes without a spill! . . . Esther Aguado and her family held a happy reunion when she went south to visit them in Los Angeles.

Our sympathy is extended to Helen Lund, whose mother passed away, and to Pat Wilson, whose father died last week. Also to Dolores Coughlan—we were very sorry to hear of the death of her husband.

Welcomed to Letterman this week were Winifred Wheeler and Mae Agneburg. Wini and Mae are in our Occupational Therapy Section.

Ruthie Dean is back to work in the PX grill, "just as happy as ever!"

Nancy McPhaden, waiting for that certain ship "Arcadia" to dock, leaves the Dental Branch as soon as it arrived . . . her husband will be aboard, and he'll soon become a civilian!

Greetings to Elizabeth Wheaton and Ruth Weaver, who are taking positions in the hospital library. Elizabeth has a brother being hospitalized here, and Ruth's husband is also a patient!

With the patients she remained a prime favorite and her sense of humor assured her of a friendly greeting on all wards. The man who was reluctant to talk about his achievements became loquacious when Kay put the questions.

Kay never did find a place to live but managed to locate shelter from time to time. She plans to move down to Carmel where she will do some "free lance" writing and she hopes to find a cottage by the sea for that project.

We hope she will come back from time to time on the pretext of seeking inspiration for her writing. Her visits will be an inspiration to the men still undergoing treatment here.

May happiness attend Hardy of Hollywood wherever she goes.

Colonel Dart, Long Time Lettermanite, Now in Washington

Colonel Raymond O. Dart, Deputy Chief Surgeon for the American Forces in the Western Pacific, who has received the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star for his work in that theater, has been appointed Assistant Director of Administration, Army Institute of Pathology, according to a recent announcement by the Office of The Surgeon General.

From 1932 to 1935 Colonel Dart was Pathologist at the Army Medical Museum, and served as Curator there the following year. In his present capacity he plans to make an inspection tour of the pathologic centers in the Zone of Interior.

With twenty-eight years of military service to his credit, Colonel Dart spent ten and a half years on foreign duty and eleven here in Washington. For the past three and a half years he has been in the Southwest Pacific. He left the United States in 1942 as Commanding Officer of the 105th General Hospital, an affiliated unit of Harvard University. In the Southwest Pacific, Colonel Dart served in various capacities prior to his appointment as Deputy Chief Surgeon, including Surgeon of the Intermediate Section in New Guinea, Surgeon of Base Section Three, Surgeon of Advance Section and Chief of Operations, Office of the Chief Surgeon. He returned to the United States from Manila in the fall of 1945. Prior to going overseas Colonel Dart was Chief of Laboratory Service at Letterman for five years.

A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Colonel Dart received his M. D. from the Rush Medical School in Chicago and his A. B. degree from the University of Kansas. He entered on active duty in 1917, served in France and Germany in World War 1, and graduated from the Army Medical School and the Medical Field Service School in 1921.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the monthly dance held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, March 2nd at 9 p. m.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.

Junior Hostesses will welcome you.

NEW CHIEF OF RADIOLOGY HERE IS ALSO PILOT OF HIS OWN PLANE



Lieut. Col. THEODORE J. PFEFFER, MC
Chief of Radiology Service at Letterman

Before any diagnostician will give a categorical decision on what is wrong with the "innards" of a patient he calls on the radiologist for help, and since that is what the army calls "S.O.P." it is important that the doctor who "shoots" the X-ray pictures should know a lot about his end of the business.

Here at Letterman we have a Chief of Radiology who meets all the specifications required in his job, and although he has been with us but a short time Lieutenant Colonel Theodore J. Pfeffer measures up to the 'high standards maintained by his predecessors, if we take the comments of his associates in the medical profession as a criterion.

Col. Pfeffer was born in Streeter, Illinois, and made his studies at the University of Iowa Medical School. Following his graduation he had a year of internship at St. Margaret's Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, and then for the next four years he held a fellowship in medicine at the Mayo Foundation. Then followed three

years at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn as a resident in Radiology. He is a member of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomat of the American Board of Radiology.

The colonel came into the army in July 1942 and was stationed at Hammer Field, Fresno for 20 months before going overseas to Europe with the 185th General Hospital for another 15 months. His outfit was all ready for deployment to the Pacific area when V-J day arrived and he was diverted to Bushnell General Hospital where he served until ordered to Letterman last month.

If it ever happens around the X-ray lab that he feels very much like "going up into the air" he can get relief from the tension by hopping into his own plane and taking a ride through the ether. Col. Pfeffer has been a flyer since 1932 and right now he keeps his "sky wagon" parked at the Palo Alto airport.

The colonel has the unique distinction of being one of the few who



To Capt. and Mrs. Vivian McCollum, a daughter, **Donna Rae**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 18 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Marshall L. Biggs, a son, **Marshall Lewis Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 20 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Everett Hartwell, a daughter, **Carolyn Linda**, weight 6 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 20 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford Hanson, a daughter, **Andrea Lee**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 20 February.

To Flight Officer and Mrs. Ross Brown, a son, **Douglas Ross**, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces, born 21 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Sebero Marin, a daughter, **Connie**, weight 6 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 21 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Igor A. Gubert, a son, **Alexander Igor**, weight 8 pounds and 1 ounce, born 24 February.

Library

Have you had any trouble crystalizing the war years in your mind, or has the mad pace of it left you wondering? A neat job of summarization has been done for you in the book "While You Were Gone." Written by 26 top men, one on each subject, this is primarily a report to the servicemen on the state of the country while they were overseas; how we behaved, what we thought and talked about, what we saw and read, and how we prepared for tomorrow. There is no flag waving. Each writer talks straight and uncovers the shoddy as well as the noble. You'll like it. In the Library.

have been able to acquire an army surplus plane. We have heard much about the surplus but he is the first man to tell us he actually participated in that benefit to a veteran. It makes us feel that maybe we still have a chance to get a surplus "jeep" just for running around town.

If you have a spare moment drop in at the colonel's office and he will show some pictures of his "ship," took them himself—

And he takes good pictures.

Letterman WAC Team Finishes Second in Tournament

The team representing Letterman in the women's basketball tournament to decide the championship for the Ninth Service Command finished in second place when play terminated on Thursday evening at the Letterman gymnasium.

The trophy for the championship was presented to the winning team—Ogden ASF Depot—by General Hillman at ceremonies following the final game.

The scores for the final day of play were: Ogden 39, Letterman 32. The Letterman team had previously lost to Ogden in the first round.

Scores of other games follow:

Letterman General Hospital					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Lester, F	16	2	0	0	34
Jenkins, F	1	4	0	0	6
Spiczko, F	0	0	3	0	0
Geisson, G	0	0	0	0	0
Eaton, G	0	0	2	1	0
Borders, G	0	0	1	0	0
LaFevers, G	0	0	0	0	0
White, G	0	0	0	0	0
Benge, F	0	0	0	0	0
Beach, F	0	0	0	0	0
Krueger, F	0	0	0	0	0

Total—40

Dibble General Hospital					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Lanting, F	3	0	0	0	6
Morrow, F	8	2	2	0	18
Freeland, F	2	1	2	1	5
McClure, G	0	0	4	0	0
Sargent, G	0	0	3	0	0
Hunting, G	0	0	0	0	0
Kelelly, F	2	0	0	0	4

Total—33

Fort Mason					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Jones, F	3	0	4	6	
Dorsey, F	1	3	3	5	
Spann, F	1	0	0	2	
Jessup, F	0	0	0	0	
Kendall, F	3	0	2	6	
Fournier, F	1	1	0	3	
Dodds, C	0	0	0	0	
Willis, G	0	0	0	0	
Breezy, G	0	0	0	0	
Roger, G	0	0	0	0	
Dunlap, G	0	0	0	0	
Carroll, G	0	0	0	0	

Total—22

Fort Lawton					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Carlson, F	1	4	0	6	
Maede, F	0	0	1	0	

Laliberte, F	6	1	0	13
Corbin, G	0	0	3	0
Potter, G	0	0	3	0
Boggan, F	0	0	1	0
McClellan, G	0	0	0	0
Wilk, F	0	0	0	0

Total—19

GAME PLAYED 25 FEBRUARY

Fort Lawton					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Carlson, F	3	1	0	7	
Baldwin, G	0	0	4	0	
Meade, F	6	0	1	12	
Pitts, G	0	0	0	0	
Laliberte, F	1	2	4	4	
Wilk, F	0	0	0	0	
Corbin, G	0	0	3	0	
Anderson, G	0	0	0	0	
Potter, G	0	0	4	0	
Liles, G	0	0	1	0	
McClellan, G	0	0	0	0	

Total—23

Dibble General Hospital					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Lanting, F	4	3	3	11	
Morrow, F	6	7	0	19	
Freeland, F	0	0	0	0	
Sargent, G	0	0	1	0	
McClure, G	0	0	0	0	
Moderly	0	0	2	0	
Dittman	0	0	1	0	
Kelly	0	0	0	0	

Total—30

Madigan General Hospital					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Livingston, F	2	1	3	5	
Desing, F	0	0	0	0	
Roberts, F	2	0	2	4	
Arnheim, F	1	0	0	2	
Tench, F	2	1	0	5	
Desing, G	0	0	4	0	
Maes, G	0	0	0	0	
Norberg, G	0	0	0	0	
Hovland, G	0	0	3	0	
Desing, G	0	0	0	0	

Total—16

Letterman General Hospital					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Lester, F	13	4	0	30	
Jenkins, F	3	1	0	7	
Spiczko, F	1	0	0	2	
Geisson, G	0	0	1	0	
Eaton, G	0	0	1	0	
Borders, G	0	0	1	0	
LaFevers, G	0	0	1	0	
Wight, G	0	0	2	0	

Benge, F	0	0	0	0
Kruger, F	0	0	0	0
Beach, F	0	0	0	0
Total—39	17	5	6	39

Fort Mason					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Jones, F	4	0	0	8	
Dorsey, F	2	2	0	6	
Tourner, F	0	1	1	1	
Kendall, F	0	1	0	1	
Dodds, F	0	0	0	0	
Spann, F	2	0	0	4	
Willis, G	0	0	1	0	
Roger, G	0	0	2	0	
Carroll, G	0	0	0	0	
Dunlap, G	0	0	0	0	
Breezy, G	1	0	0	2	

Total—22

Utah ASF					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Ellison, F	2	0	0	4	
Ray, F	7	1	1	15	
Forney, F	5	1	0	11	
Colledge, G	0	0	2	0	
Andrews, G	0	0	1	0	
Griffin, G	0	0	1	0	
Hardy, G	0	0	1	0	
Hall, G	0	0	0	0	
Smout, G	0	0	0	0	

Total—30

Games played 27 February—

Madigan General Hospital					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Livingston	0	0	1	0	
Desing	0	0	1	0	
Roberts	2	1	3	5	
Tench	2	0	1	4	
Desing	0	0	2	0	
Norberg	0	0	1	0	
Horland	2	1	3	5	

Total—14

Ft. Mason					
NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Jones	5	3	1	13	
Dorsey	0	0	3	0	
Fournier	2	0	2	4	
Kendall	1	1	1	3	
Dodds	0	0	0	0	
Spann	1	0	1	2	
Willis	0	0	2	0	
Rager	0	0	0	0	
Carroll	0	0	0	0	
Breezy	0	0	1	0	

Total—22

Ft. Mason

NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Jones	3	8	1	14	
Dorsey	0	0	3	0	
Fournier	1	0	0	2	
Kendall	3	0	0	6	
Dodds	1	0	0	2	
Spann	1	1	2	3	
Willis	0	0	1	0	
Trager	0	0	2	0	
Carroll	0	0	0	0	
Dunlap	0	0	0	0	
Breezy	0	0	2	0	

Total—27

Dibble General Hospital

Lanting	4	2	2	10
Morrow	2	2	3	6
Freeland	0	0	2	0
McClure	0	0	2	0
Sargent	0	0	2	0
Moberly	0	0	0	0
Dittman	0	0	4	0
Kelly	0	0	1	0

Total—16

Letterman General Hospital

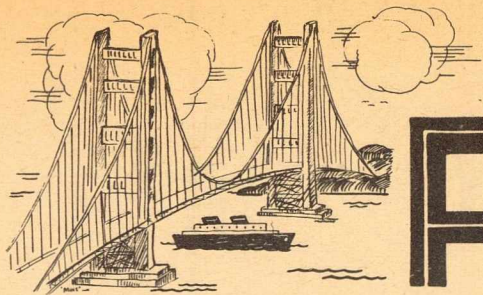
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NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP	
Lester	10	0	0	20	
Jenkins	1	0	2	2	
Spiczko	1	0	3	2	
Wight	0	0	4	0	
LaFevers	0	0	1	0	
Geisson	0	0	0	0	
Eaton	0	0	1	0	
Borders	0	0	0	0	
Benge	0	0	0	0	
Kruger	0	0	0	0	
Beach	0	0	1	0	

Total—24

Ogden Depot

Ellison	3	0	0	6
Ray	8	2	1	18
Forney	5	4	0	14
Colledge	0	0	3	0
Andrews	1	0	1	2
Griffin	0	0	3	0
Hardy	0	0	0	0
Hall	0	0	0	0
Smout	0	0	0	0

Total—40



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National Officers Of VFW Auxiliary Visit Letterman

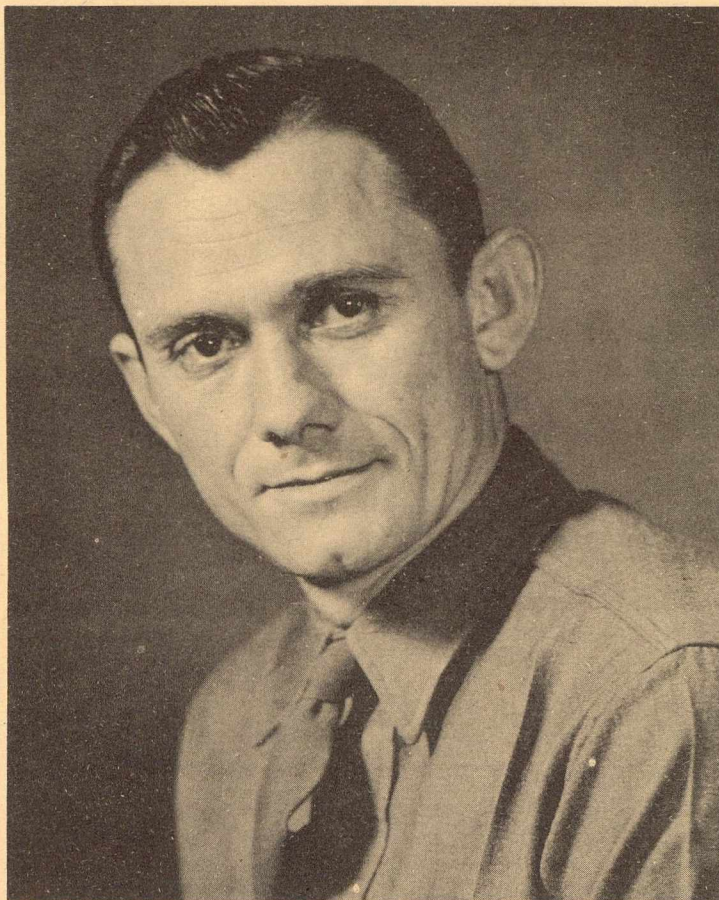
The National President, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Mrs. C. Frances Anderson, and group of high officers of that organization were Letterman visitors on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Under the guidance of Chaplain Albert F. Click the ladies made a tour of the wards in the main hospital and took plenty of time to chat with the patients. As the wives and mothers of service men they had a first hand knowledge of the problems sometimes confronting the newest veterans and evidenced a sympathetic understanding.

At the conclusion of the ward visits the ladies were received by the commanding general in his office where individual introductions were made and General Hillman outlined the current program for the care of the sick and wounded. He also expressed his appreciation for the interest shown by the visitors in the well being of the men undergoing treatment here.

Accompanying Mrs. Anderson were Mrs. Laurie Schertle, Past National President, Mrs. Helen C. Cantua, President, Department of California, Mrs. Iva Neely, Past National Administrative Officer, Mrs. Deon Caruso, Secretary, Department of California, Mrs. Geraldine Morehouse, President, 11th District, Mrs. Margaret Donahue, Past Department Chaplain, Mrs. William F. Nagel, County Council President, and Mrs. Mary Bird, Past President Purple Heart Auxiliary.

Mrs. Anderson, whose home is in Hartford, Connecticut, is making a nation wide tour of visits to view at first hand the work of the Auxiliary in the community, and has shown special interest in the men who are still in Army and Navy hospitals.



Tech Sgt. WILLIAM C. MUHIC,
Who has come back to Letterman for station

Tech. Sgt. William C. Muhic Returns to LGH

Back to Letterman and back to the job he left behind him came this week Technical Sergeant William C. Muhic, one of the Letterman old timers who was here in the piping days of peace.

Muhic began his military career at Fitzsimons General Hospital in 1933 but when he re-enlisted in 1936 it was at Letterman and he stayed here until June 1944 when he left

for Camp Ellis and ultimately landed at Luzon with the 93rd Field Hospital. He returned to the United States in October last and re-enlisted for another tour at Letterman on 1 November.

Having completed or expended his 90 day reenlistment furlough, Muhic is once again on duty as the Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of the vast Letterman Mess.

Old Lettermanites Come Back to See And to Stay

This has not been officially "Old Home Week" at Letterman but the frequency with which our "old timers" have been coming back might lead to the belief that a convention is in progress.

Captain Eleanor Mitchell, Hospital Dietitian branch, arrived by plane from Tokyo on Sunday evening last in the role of patient. She was the head dietitian here for five years prior to September 1943 when she was transferred back to the office of the Surgeon General to become assistant to the Chief of Dietitians. In October of last year she requested overseas duty and was sent out to Manila, pausing en route to visit with old friends at Letterman. The captain hopes to move on to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington for further treatment.

First Lieut. Alfred D. Taro, MAC, rejoined the staff in his capacity as aide to the commanding general after having been at sea since last September when he left us for duty on a hospital ship serving the Pacific area.

First Lieut. Donald C. Lewis, MAC, is another of the old clan who came back this week via hospital ship from Manila as a patient. He joined station here originally in September 1943 and for the year immediately prior to his departure for overseas in July 1944 he was the assistant mess officer. It is expected that he will remain here for definitive treatment.

Captain Milton D. Carlson, AAF, was also around the old "diggins" looking up friends of former days when he was a member of the detachment. He left here in 1942 to take training as an aviation cadet and the twin bars he is wearing now indicates that he made good.

West Point Entrance Examinations Held This Week

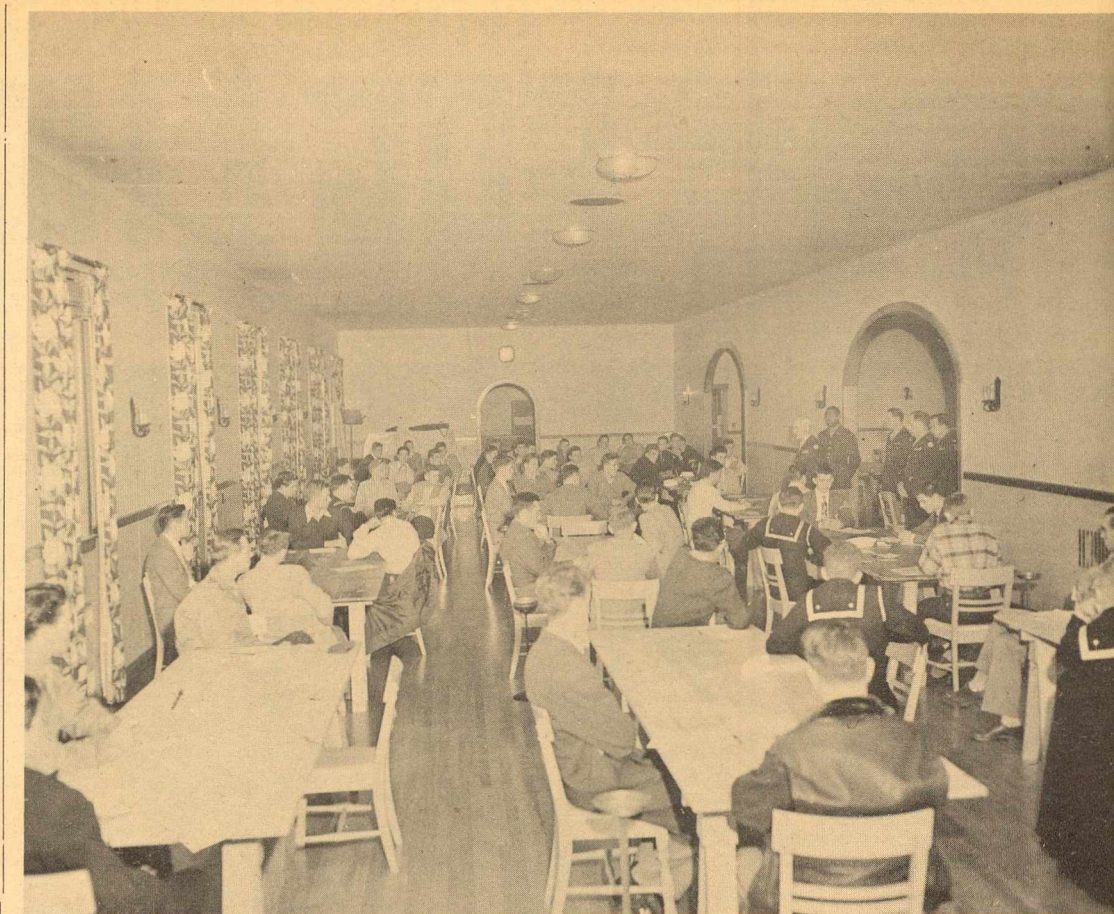
The fact that World War II has just been won does not dent the ambitions of the American youth to choose a military career. This was proven when fifty-eight candidates reported to Letterman this week to take examinations for admission to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Army, navy, marine corps. personnel, college students, and veterans made up the group who reported to the Letterman Club, ready to emerge into a series of very tough mental and physical examinations. The mental tests were conducted Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by the physical examinations which were started Thursday.

Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, MC, was appointed President of the West Point Examination Board which included the following: Lt. Col. James A. Weir, MC, Lt. Col. Arthur J. Hemberger, DC, Captains John C. Burke, MC, Maxwell Boverman, MC, Max Fine, MC, Frederic W. Rhinelander, MC, John R. Master, MC, Evald V. Clausen, Infantry, Buford M. Whitt, Infantry, Leslie T. Wood, Infantry. Captain Edward J. Hanna, MAC, acted as special assistant to Col. Swanson. Monitors for the mental examinations were: Capt. M. Henderson, MAC, 1st Lieut. Charles Spearman, MAC, and Capt. Samuel Snead, MAC.

The Out-Patient Clinic was turned over entirely to the candidates for four days, with every person in that department lending every effort to the processing.

Although Letterman was the headquarters for northern California and Nevada, boys from Massachusetts, Kansas, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin were present. The examination is nation-wide, with specific tests given at the appointed hour on the same days.

The procedures of the ambitious military-minded youth who has made West Point his goal is this: He must meet certain scholastic standards set forth by the West Point Candidate Board, before submitting a letter requesting the appointment to either his Congressman or to the West Point Academic Board, together with his academic credits. The reply letter either re-



CANDIDATES FOR WEST POINT

Listen to the Commanding General at the opening of the qualifying examinations held here this week.

jects him completely, or starts him off on a series of examinations which may lead him to the doors of the Academy. Before reporting to a station such as Letterman for the candidates admission examinations, the youth takes a competitive test, which also may be the rejecting factor in his career.

The examinations given at Letterman consisted of the aptitude test, U.S. history examination, validating test (English and mathematics), and the regular English and mathematics test. Some boys are exempt from some of the above due to their superior scholastic grades, but all must take the aptitude examination. All procedures of handling examination papers are done in view of the candidates: counting, receiving written papers, re-counting, and sealing in an envelope addressed to West Point. This assures each individual that his paper has been submitted to the Academy, where

all papers are graded.

On or about 15 May the Adjutant General's Department notifies each candidate of the results of his examination.

In an address at the beginning of the session, General C. C. Hillman told the group: "Your success depends on what you put into your Army career." He welcomed the boys to use the facilities of the hospital to aid in their enjoyment while here, and stated, "We will attempt to get these examinations done expeditiously and efficiently."

The West Point examinations have for many years been a spring feature at Letterman just like the appearance of the robins at this season. Young men who took the first step to a military career here have gone on to achieve prominence in the army in later life and Letterman has always been proud to be the agency to assist them in making the initial effort.

Lost

LOST—book owners. Ninety thousand books are patiently waiting for their owners who are identified by the patch of the Ninth Air Force.

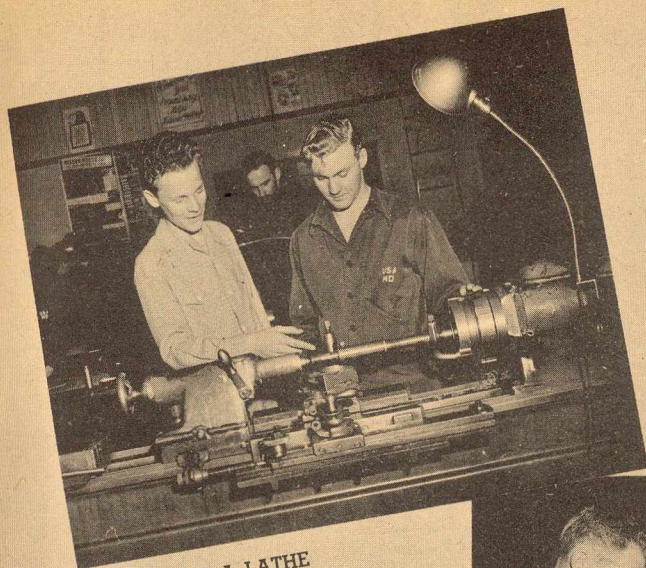
Major Milton Marx, author and illustrator of the book entitled "Ninth Air Force, USAAF," is vainly attempting to donate each enlisted man and officer of the Ninth a copy of his book which records the progress of this outfit from the early days of the African fighting at El Alamein to the final victory over Germany.

It was originally planned that this history-in-pictures would be distributed to these men before demobilization of their air force. Delays made this impossible, and now Major Marx has the books in his possession.

You Ninth Air Force men who are in SF may have seen some of Major

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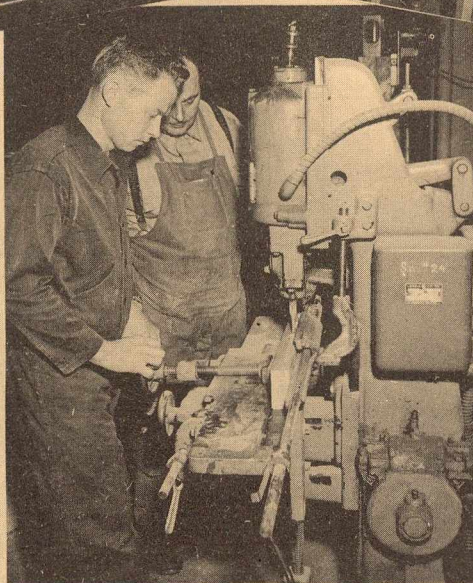
Reconditioning Division Works Out at Gompers School



TURNING A LATHE
It's a good idea to watch
that finger

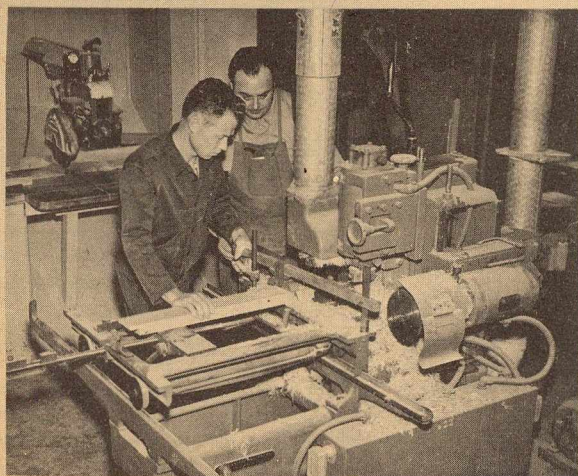


NO "MIKE" FRIGHT
After this course in radio
broadcasting-but you can't
blame Pvt. Wayne Skid-
more for keeping his eye
on the teacher

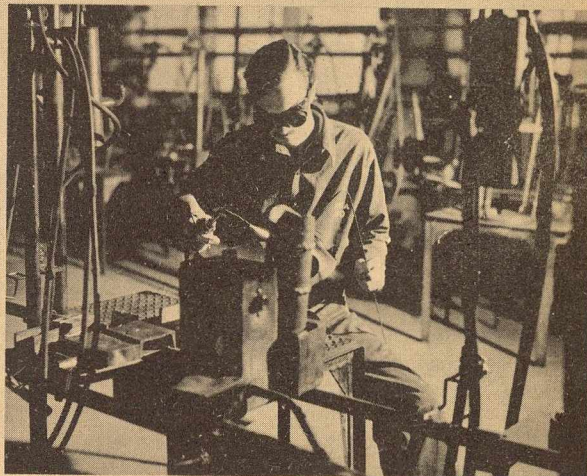


LEARNING TO BORE
In the wood working shop without be-
coming a bore is Pfc. Elvin Brooks

SHAVINGS
And plenty of "know how" is the dividend
for Pfc. Elvin Brooks at wood turning



WELDING
Pfc. William F. Meyer is making the
sparks fly in the machine shop



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EDITORIAL

RED CROSS DRIVE

The time has come to look into your heart and into your purse—in that order—and then make your contribution to the Red Cross Fund. The annual drive began on March 1, and will continue until the end of the month.

Each year when the national drive for funds begins, we are again reminded of the many services performed by Red Cross workers. They are constantly engaged in helpful tasks, not only in this country, but all over the world.

At times some of us are inclined to take Red Cross activities for granted. But that must not be, because the organization needs the active support of everyone who is able to contribute.

The Red Cross performs a dual task—service to the armed forces and to civilians.

The service to the former includes recreation and companionship for the men overseas; rehabilitation aids and amusements to the patients in the hospitals; work with servicemen at separation centers and in their homes.

The service to civilians includes relief work for displaced persons and refugees overseas; training in home nursing, and disaster relief work.

All these years add up to a vast sum in annual expenditure, and year after year the Red Cross has found that the American public can be relied upon for generous financial support.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Major Cleo E. Rumsey looking everywhere for an electric polishing machine that got away from him.

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Mrs. Mary McFadden joining the FOGHORN staff at the desk of Kay Hardy who is now in Carmel.

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Colonel Luther R. Moore, Service Command Surgeon, in a close huddle in the Inner Sanctum.

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Mrs. Helen Diez leading the team captains in the Red Cross Drive with a total of \$49.00 for four days.

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Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, Chief of the Outpatient Clinic, bringing his own chair to the Thursday staff meeting.

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Lieut. Wilma Sledge, head dietitian, polling the patients on the popularity of rutabaga by feeding it to them.

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Sergeant Hugh C. Ashley picking up his guitar and heading for Beale en route to the little farm in Arkansas. He will be missed around here.

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A new chaplain—Capt. Herman N. Benner—joining station here as we gallop to press.

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While Jo Sinclair was writing "Wasteland," she lived for a year on \$10 a week; then she won the Harper \$10,000 prize for the book. It is the story of a Jewish boy who tries to conceal his ancestry and environment by changing his name. There is no plot or climax to the story—rather a continuous characterization through a series of flashbacks into the home life of a simple, frightened newspaper-cameraman. With the help of a psychiatrist, he wins through his conflict and such is the emotional power of the writing. The reader goes right along with him. In the Library.

Red Cross booths are established at several points here in Letterman General Hospital for your convenience in making your contribution. It is now March 9, and the drive will be over at the end of the month. Won't you make your donation as generous as possible?



By Bette Byers

First Lieut. Adelaide N. Ramsey caused the greatest excitement in the Nurses' Quarters this week when she returned from her leave as Mrs. Clifford W. Swanson. The church wedding took place February 17th in Hollister, California, the home of both the bride and groom, with close friends and relatives attending. Mr. Swanson, an ex-Navy man, is a rancher in Hollister.

Lt. Ramsey has had 63 months of service in the ANC, serving two years overseas in the ETO where she worked in surgery. She is now assigned to the EENT Clinic. The couple plan to make their home in Hollister when Lieut. Ramsey resumes her civilian status.

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Our speedy get-well wishes go to Lieut. Marion C. LaChance who underwent a thyroidectomy this week. She's recuperating on Ward P-1.

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Off on a 14-day leave to be spent in Los Angeles is Lieut. E. Gagnon. Happy loafing!

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The turnover of nurses is still at its peak as a total of 22 nurses reported to Lt. Cox in Separation this week. They will soon be taking that sentimental journey home.

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Leaving for Camp Beale and the outside world this week was 1st Lieut. Julia Anderson who was Director of Cadet Nurses until that group of young ladies left us recently.

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And another of our ex-Lettermanites, Lieut. Ann Fuhrken, who left us to go overseas with the 82nd General Hospital, and returned as a patient, has now gone up to Beale on return to duty status.

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Major Ruth Wagner, who has lived through the winter at Norris City, Ill., threatens to return to California when it gets too hot for her back home.

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The Monday evening Bridge Club still meets in the Recreation Hall—in case you are a player.

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First Lieut. Dorcas Barondes has to buy her own candy at the PX. What no GPs in Letterman?

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, March 10, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Lenten Services:

Mass daily at 0600 and 0800.

Wednesdays—Rosary and Benediction at 1500.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 1500.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Passover Plans

Rabbi Emanuel Kumin, visiting Jewish chaplain for Letterman, has announced that plans are in the making for observance of the Passover Festival during the week of April 16.

The festival will open with a Seder Service at Fisher's Restaurant, 937 Webster Street, San Francisco. All Jewish patients as well as those with the duty personnel are invited to attend. The Commanding General is making arrangements for transportation from the hospital to the restaurant.

Jewish patients and others who contemplate attending the Service are asked to give their names to the chaplain or notify the Jewish Welfare Board Hospital Department, 25 Taylor Street, GRaystone 1245.

Wedding Bells

A romance which began at Letterman when "She" was attached as secretary to "His" office culminated in marriage in a ceremony broadcast over KGO and the American Broadcasting Company at 11:30 Tuesday morning, March 5, during the ABC "Bride and Groom" show.

Betty Ellison, ex-WAC T/5, of 2267 El Sereno, Altadena, California, and 2nd Lieut. Arnold Erickson, AUS, presently attached to Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys, were married on the ABC broadcast, which was heard coast-to-coast.

Because Arnold, who is in the Medical Administrative Corps at Birmingham, was unable to obtain leave, the couple was not sent on the usual honeymoon, but instead received a whirl around Hollywood spots.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARGARET McCONNELL
Technician Fifth Grade

"Your order, sir?" Many a man has looked up when this question was asked at the PX Grill to find a very winsome WAC clad in a medical technician's dress smiling down at him. She is T/5 Margaret McConnell who has the pleasing combination of blue eyes, blonde "not bottled" hair, and a very charming personality. She's an "eager beaver" having a full daily schedule which includes working at the grill from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on ward O-1 from 3 to 11 p.m.

On her 20th birthday, Margaret enlisted in the WAC's and joined the march of surgical technicians through school before claiming Camp Lee, Virginia, Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, and Ft. Crook, Nebraska, as her stations before arriving at Letterman this January. She had to admit that overseas duty meant adventure to her and to miss the boat has been a great disappointment.

The most embarrassing incident in her army career happened since her arrival here. During an evening on the ward, Margaret spilled grapefruit juice all over her dress, "accidentally, of course," but that didn't bother her much; she was on a woman's ward, and men never trespassed after visiting hours. It was easy to slip on a pair of those blue pajamas "the stunning type furnished by the Army" and let the dress out. This done, Margaret resumed her duties for the night . . . and bumped smack into the OD and a fellow officer who paid an unexpected visit. Margaret still turns all colors of the rainbow as the poignant story is told.

When she returns to her Rochester home in New York a civilian, Margaret plans to attend Cornell University studying to become an English or history teacher.

TWO YEAR MEN STILL HAVE HOPES OF GETTING OUT OF ARMY BY 1 JULY

By Camp Newspaper Service

A rising clamor in Congress, the press and among GI's themselves over the rate of demobilization has brought an explanation from the Army of its desperate manpower requirements and a definite statement on when American soldiers are going home.

The troops have Gen. Eisenhower's promise that every soldier eligible for discharge will be out of uniform by July 1 or aboard a States-bound ship. They have his word that by April 30 all EM with 45 points or 30 months' service will be separated or homeward bound. And by June 30 all EM with 40 points or 24 months' service will be out or on the way back to the States.

Gen. "Ike" set up this schedule when he appeared before a special joint Senate-House Committee session. He had a detailed 8,000-word statement with him, outlining the Army's commitments and giving demobilization statistics. He pointed out that discharges during the months after VJ-Day had far exceeded Gen. Marshall's estimates of last September. And he said, "If we were to continue shipping men home at the rate we reached during the past few months, by April . . . we would literally have 'run out of Army.'"

The Chief of Staff explained that GIs were needed for many occupation duties; to guard prisoners, to classify, assemble and protect billions of dollars' worth of supplies, to register graves, to care for the sick and wounded, to supervise and police the enemy peoples. He said these "commitments" couldn't be carried out unless some men stayed in uniform for one, two or three months longer than they had anticipated, because replacements weren't coming through fast enough.

Selective Service, he said, had

been asked to give the Army 50,000 men a month. But this quota was not being met and the Army got "in December only 21,000." And he added that enlistments were not as high as had been hoped, that despite the intensive recruiting campaign, enlistments totaled but 400,000 by January 1.

Later, Gen. Eisenhower appeared before a Senate Military sub-committee and revealed that he had forbidden further GI demonstrations of the sort that helped bring the demobilization problem to a head. He added that he had ordered inspectors overseas to lend an attentive ear to justified complaints from individual soldiers who feel they are getting an unfair deal.

Then in a radio address to the American people, he earnestly reiterated many of his earlier statements and asserted that if sufficient replacements are not forthcoming, the "Army's ability to carry out its assigned missions" would be jeopardized and the policy-making branches of the government might have to curtail occupation or other commitments.

Side issues also received prominent notice as a result of the protests. Time magazine said that G.I.s had "substantial gripes" and that "not the least of them were the frequent failures of a poorly indoctrinated officer corps, which paid less and less attention to the GIs and more and more attention to its own comfort and amusement."

The influential New York Times, on the other hand, thought the demonstrations shameful and unsoldierly, and said so editorially.

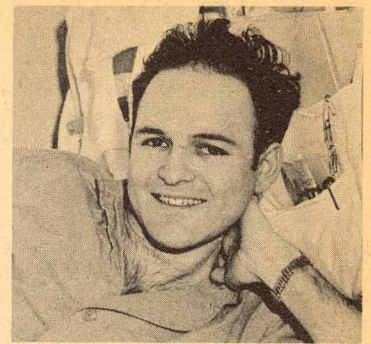
One result of the hubbub was sentiment in Congress to put pressure on Selective Service to compel it to increase the number of draftees per month.

Library

The "Land of the Torreones" is a mystery country some place in the Southwest. Charles B. Kelland has given this name to his latest book of adventure, an expedition after a highly valuable mineral. Thrilling, unexpected, but highly logical things happen to the party in this alluring, waterless land where an ancient race left carved towers to hide the secrets of the present. In the Library.

Margaret Campbell Barnes has a new book, "My Lady of Cleves," a story of the fourth wife of the old rascal, Henry the Eighth. She is portrayed as a plain woman with no frivolous accomplishments but great, good sense and kindness that won the love of the English people, the courtiers, and finally of the king himself. A good historical novel. You'll like it. It's in the Library.

ON THE SPOT



EDWARD SEIFERT
Private

The first time you meet Pvt. Ed Seifert, in M-1, you'll also make the acquaintance of "Stinky," a white Teddy bear whose right leg is as carefully bandaged as his owner's. There's a slight difference in the manner in which they were injured, though. Ed was wounded while fighting in the 99th Division in the ETO, just eight and one-half miles east of the Rhine River. "Stinky" got intoxicated drinking Ed's after-shave lotion and fell off the bed!

Ed is certainly one of the most amusing patients in the entire hospital, and he keeps morale at a bright high pitch for his room partner, Leo Kesi, and visitors from all the other wards. Sharing the spotlight on his wall with a Pretty Girl calendar these days is a half-smoked cigarette dangling from a string securely thumb-tacked in place. Above the souvenir is the explanatory caption, "Eisenhower's Butt," and it's truly the unfinished Phillip Morris (plug) "Ike" snuffed out in Ed's ashtray while the two were comparing combat stories.

Ed's home is in San Jose, California. He admits he's bounced around the country a bit, but his bouncing days are over for a little while, and he's forced to "lie here and sing to myself all day."

For his 23 years, Ed has quite a period of service behind him. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1939 at the ripe old age of 16, and was inducted into the Army in 1941.

In his younger days, Ed played tenor saxophone and clarinet with a west coast band, but won't reveal the name. Music is his hobby which we conclude is the reason for his sunny disposition and high morale. We haven't heard any complaints from "Stinky" so guess Ed stays pretty much on key.

WAC

By Bette Byers

During a company meeting held last week, the WAC's received the latest information regarding re-enlistments. Major A. F. Fowler of Washington, D. C., and Capt. Helen Kooles, WAC Staff Director of Ft. Douglas, Utah explained in detail the five categories in which girls may remain in service after they are eligible for discharge. During the meeting, Major Fowler presented the possibility of a regular Woman's Army Corps., which has already passed the House, and threw the meeting open for a group discussion. Pro's, con's, and suggestions were expressed for the following forty-five minutes. All agreed it was a very lively and interesting session.

The rumors of specific WAC's being frozen for six months beginning March 1st is erroneous according to authorities on the post. On the contrary, four previously frozen specialists have been unfrozen.

The latest AR is received with smiles of approval. Now we can don those high-heeled dress shoes for work as well as pleasure providing they are plain smooth leather pumps with toes and heels intact. Maybe this is just the beginning of fewer uniform restrictions and the turning point to a more feminine attire in the near future, hmmm ???

To break a tradition, we are allowing a man to enter our column this week. (I'm bucking for more readers!) That tall Bob Stack-type, green-eyed Sgt. "Chuck" Adams will coach the girl's softball team now being organized. After seeing Chuck, girls seem to take a new interest in sports. Wonder why.

A miracle occurred in the surgery room at Dante Annex recently when two hearts were exchanged and the patients are very much alive and well. The operation was performed Sunday last by Chaplain Decker, the heart specialist, who joined in holy matrimony T/4 Helen C. Baden and T/5 Robert Fox, both personnel of surgery at Dante. The ceremony was held in the Ft. Mason chapel. The couple expect to be discharged from the service in April and will make their home in San Francisco.

THE "LONG, LONG TRAIL AWINDING" BRINGS MAJOR BRADY BACK TO LGH



Major EILEEN W. BRADY, ANC
Former Lettermanite who stages a "come back" to the best station in the Army.

Major Eileen W. Brady of the Assistant Chief Nurse's Office finally found the road back to Letterman after five long years away from home. We affectionately call her an "old-timer" for she was with us from '39 to '41, at which time she became a gypsy nurse and explored Australia, New Guinea, Biak, and Leyte before abandoning her roaming, and settling down to the simple life of a Lettermanite.

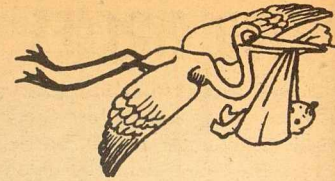
Her repertoire of fascinating and amusing stories of the Pacific war is endless.

On Milne Bay during a typhoon, Major Brady witnessed a scene similar to Paulette Goddard's black neglee act in "So Proudly We Hail." A typhoon slowly began at 2 a.m. increasing in speed until the coconut grove where the nurses were located became the scene of turmoil and excitement. The winds were raging, coconuts were falling like rain drops, the feeble bamboo native huts were scattered like straw,

two complete hospitals had collapsed, and everyone's attention was centered on evacuating patients amid the confusion of no lights. In the center of this commotion stood a nurse by her footlocker crying "I won't move without my locker. It's the only thing I have!"

Came the dawn and with it the most grotesque scene any nurse had ever laid eyes on. The coconut trees were laden with pretty pink unmentionables of all descriptions, hanging from every limb and twig, nurses were walking ankle-deep in mud trying to find the few clothes they had had the previous night, and natives were climbing the long coconut trunks, retrieving various objects. The only thing anyone could recall vividly of the typhoon was a girl standing defiantly by a footlocker which to her held the world's importance.

Major Brady trained at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, joining the ANC reserve in 1932. In



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Irving McCulloch, a daughter, **Susan Scott**, weight 7 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 27 February.

To Major and Mrs. Alonzo Oakley, a son, **James Brent**, weight 7 pounds and 9½ ounces, born 27 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Daniel C. Mul-loney, a daughter, weight 8 pounds and 5 ounces, born 28 February.

To Flight Officer and Mrs. Jack H. Call, a son, **Michael Eugene**, weight 8 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 1 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. Mac H. Brown, a son, **Jonathan Franklin**, weight 9 pounds and 4 ounces, born 2 March.

Would you like to read a super Buck Rogers story? One treated in the epic manner of Gulliver's Travels? Try "Star of the Unborn," the last novel of Franz Werfel, now published posthumously. F. W. is projected 100,000 years into the future, a considerably greater distance than any other writer; and what he finds makes fascinating, albeit thoughtful reading. In the Library.

1933 the reserves terminated, and as a Veteran Bureau Nurse, she worked at Fitzsimmons General Hospital. On the 1st January 1935, she rejoined the reserves, and later transferred to Sternburg General Hospital in Manila. Ft. Mills Station Hospital on Corregidor claimed her in 1938 until she arrived at Letterman in '39.

In 1941 as Chief Nurse, she opened up Camp Callan Station Hospital in San Diego, later transferring to a field hospital in Australia. Still on the move, she was sent to Milne Bay, New Guinea where she was Base Chief Nurse at Base Headquarters. September 1944 found her in Biak in the East Indies. January 1945 in the same capacity, she helped close the 133rd General Hospital at Leyte, then the 118th, also on Leyte. By that time, the thought of home seemed like a dream, and no one was happier than she when she boarded the plane at Leyte and arrived in California last December. Is it any wonder she hopes this is her last station ? ?

CIVIL CIRCLES

LT. COLONEL LUTGENS RECEIVES THE LEGION OF MERIT AWARD



Lt. Colonel HARRY M. LUTGENS, MAC
Former Director, Technical Information Division, of the
Office of the Surgeon General, who received the Legion of
Merit for outstanding performance of duty.

Presentation of the Legionnaire award of the Legion of Merit was made by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital, to Lt. Col. Harry M. Lutgens, Medical Administrative Corps, in a ceremony held Thursday afternoon in the General's office.

Following the award General Hillman made a brief congratulatory speech. Present at the ceremony were Mrs. Lutgens and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Gannon and Mrs. David Nurse, and the following members of the Letterman staff: Col. Luther R. Moore, Service Command surgeon; Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft, Executive Officer; Lt. Alfred L. Taro, aide-de-camp to the Commanding General.

Lieut. Col. Lutgens, a member of the Medical Administrative Corps, AUS, came to active duty with the rank of Major on January 1, 1943,

and for the past two years had been director of Technical Information Division in the Office of the Surgeon General, until his return to civil life recently. He is a native of San Francisco, and was educated in San Francisco and Sonoma schools. He is publisher of the "Coast Banker," and is a member of the State Personnel Board.

The Citation for the Legion of Merit: "Lieut. Col. Harry M. Lutgens, 0921358, Medical Administrative Corps, Army of the United States, as Director, Technical Information Division, Office of the Surgeon General, from July 1944 to November 1945, skillfully reorganized and developed its public relations activities. Through his effective efforts, the effective efforts, the public became aware of the importance of the Army Medical Department and the outstanding service it rendered to the sick and wounded."

Eisenhower Says Regulars Offer Big Opportunity

Washington (CNS)—Gen. Eisenhower, urging a "rapid rebuilding of our Regular Army" as the way "to safeguard the victory we have won at such enormous cost," declared that legislation passed by Congress makes enlistment "more attractive than ever before in our history."

"Every American should know the valuable provisions in the new Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act," the new Chief of Staff said.

These provisions include:

Enlistments for 1½, two or three years (with one year enlistments permitted for men now in the Army with at least six months' service).

An opportunity to enlist for men from 17 to 34 years of age inclusive, except those now in the Army (who may reenlist at any age), and for former servicemen (depending on length of service).

The best pay scale, medical care, food, quarters and clothing in the history of our Army.

An increase in the reenlistment allowance to \$50 for each year of active service since such bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.

A 30-day furlough every year at full pay. In addition, up to 90 days reenlistment furlough, depending on length of service with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in the Army who enlist.

Mustering-out pay to all men who are discharged to reenlist.

Option to retire at half pay for the rest of your life after 20 years' service—increasing up to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.

Extension of the time-limits within which application for GI Bill of Rights benefits can be filed, if you're now in the Army and reenlist before October 6.

Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1.

Opportunity to earn one or more of 200 skills and trades taught in Army schools in U.S. or occupied countries.

Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in the Air, Ground, or Service Forces on three-year enlistments.

Privilege of benefits of National Service Life Insurance.

MORE ABOUT LOST BOOKS

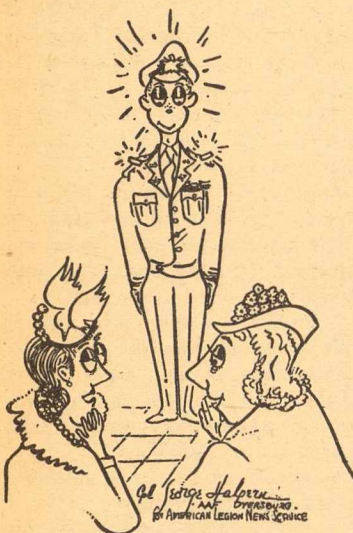
Marx' original paintings included in his book in the exhibit at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum. A handsome copy of "Ninth Air Force, USAAF" is yours if you leave your name and permanent address at the information desk of the museum. You will find this diary of your outfit a handsome souvenir for your collection.

Army-Trained Doctors To Be Called July 1

Washington (CNS) — More than 5,000 young medical officers, trained by ASTP and now serving internships, will be called to active duty on July 1 to replace Medical Corps officers who are eligible for discharge, the WD announced.

About 3,300 EM in the specialized training program will graduate by that time but won't be called to active duty until they have completed internships.

GI's in ASTP now taking freshmen, sophomore, and junior medical courses will be separated from the program in March. Those who decide to continue medical studies will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and those who don't will be given other military assignments.



"And those are his first pair of long trousers, too."

Bismarck, ND (CNS) — Bill Potter, 98, is North Dakota's oldest living messenger boy. He's been running errands since he was 11.

Chicago (CNS) — Mrs Alberta Brooks dropped a bed from her bedroom window on an innocent bystander below. "My goodness," explained husky Mrs Brooks to police, "when I shake my bedclothes, I shake bed and all. It just slipped out of my hands."

Harrisburg, Pa (CNS)—Hungry Harry Lingle swallowed a nickel, then coughed violently. Up came a penny.

Montpelier, Vt (CNS)—"Oops," said an eccentric local gentleman as he slugged a lady passerby with his umbrella. "I thought you were my wife."

WARMIN' THE BENCH



All Hail to Primo!

Don't fall out of your seat about this, but Primo Carnera, the Tower of Gorgonzola, is making another comeback in the ring. This is not to be confused with Primo's last comeback, however, for that one ended abruptly when one Luigi Musina, a Milanese muskmellon vendor, creamed the big cheese in the third.

Nor should this new comeback be identified with the one before that, the one in which Primo was laid next to the canvas by S/Sgt Homer Blivins, a 91st Division soldier from Butte, Montana, in Gorizia, Italy, last summer.

No, indeed, this is a new comeback entirely.

The lard-laden Preem, who sat out the war as a prosperous "neutral" and part-time associate of the Germans in his native Italy, is aiming at Billy Conn, the loveable loudmouth from Pittsburgh, whom Preem thinks he can lick. "I'll keel the bum," says Preem.

Fouled by a Fowling Piece

Step Number One in the comeback will be a re-match with this person Musina with "the heavy-weight championship of Europe" at stake. Preem says he was unnerved in his last bout with Musina by a gentleman who entered his dressing room, brandishing a revolver shortly before the bell.

This gentleman, says Preem, pressed his small arms into the gorgonzola king's suety middle and urged him to enter the ring. The persuasion was needed, it seems, because Preem was unwilling to fight Musina before a half-empty house. Like all great artists, Preem likes a large audience.

With the added encouragement of a gun in his gut, Preem made it, however, and was almost immediately creamed. After the creaming, the customers—including the flower and chivalry of all Milan—jumped to their feet to a man, demanding their money back, as chivalry will when it's gypped.

All this hurt Primo in his soul of souls. He is determined to vindicate himself. Next time—says Preem—the result will be different. "I'll keel the pig," says Preem.

New York Agog With Apathy

The prospect of a Carnera-Conn fight in New York has Jacobs Beach in a dither of apathy. Such a bout wouldn't pack 'em in—even if it were held in a 'phone booth.

"Is Preem coming back?" Mushky Jackson, the poor but honest Broadway brakeman, was recently heard to inquire.

"Not only is he coming back," responded Harry Balaugh, the suave and redundant fight announcer, "but he's also returning."

"It's better the bum should stay put," said Mushky with finality.

Mushky's attitude, it may be said, represents that of most of the Friday night fight crowd. There is about as much demand for Preem around town as there is for high-button shoes. The fact is that no one who saw Primo fight once wants to undergo that ordeal again. The aroma of his first trip to these shores has lingered like that of a mackerel cast up by the sea.

One whiff of Old Gorgonzola was really sufficient.

Biddeford, Me (CNS) — This community is solvent for the first time in its history, the village fathers have announced. The town's books show a profit of \$57 for the year.

New York (CNS) — "Subway John" McIlroy marked his 30th anniversary on the old job by taking a day off for the first time in 30 years. The job: He erases mustaches on subway posters.

Warning!

Do not read this if your education is complete and you know all there is to know about everything.

This notice is only for you fellows who would like to "bone up" on a few elementary subjects like simple arithmetic, grammar, drawing and the like, or for those who want to continue with some high school or college work in American history, math, languages and maybe art.

Library

If you can laugh at yourself, you will roar at "The Bear That Wasn't." It is Frank Tashlin's pictorial satire on all of us—who get taken in by some of us, to the benefit of a few of us, to the detriment of most of us. You can read it in five minutes; spend another 15 minutes on the remarkable cartoons. But you are apt to remember it for some time, the kids will like it, too.

Need for Food Conservation Told

Essential food supplies of the world are critically short. Military stocks of food must be conserved to the utmost so that surpluses can be released for export to starving peoples. A vigorous program of food conservation has been directed at this Post by the War Department to assist in the general Army-wide food saving plan. While general conservation is necessary, particular attention is directed to saving cereals and bread.

The whole-hearted cooperation of every member of this command, patient and duty, is necessary to do our share in food saving. Be sure that no edible food is left on your plate and goes into the garbage can. Save food by taking on your plate only enough for your needs. In other words, "Take all you want but eat all you take."



"I don't get it. I got plastered last night, but I don't have a head this morning."

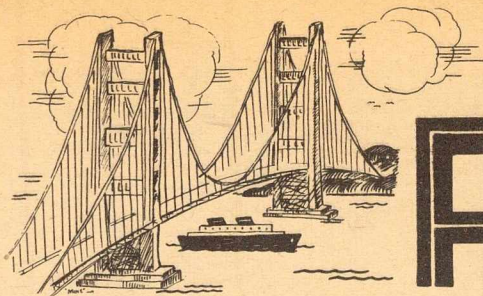
You Can't Say 'Damn' In the U. S. Senate

Washington (CNS)—High-flown oratory is OK in the Senate, but profanity is out, Senator Tom Connally (D, Tex.) discovered. Supporting a bill providing for American participation in the United Nations Organization, he said:

"I don't like these people who say it won't work; it isn't worth a damn."

Senator Wherry (R, Neb) protested that it was "beneath the dignity of the Senate to use 'that word' here."

Connally withdrew the word.



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General Willoughby Talks to Hospital Staff About Japan

Our occupation policies in Japan and the problems involved in governing 80 million people were discussed by Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby this week at a hospital staff meeting. Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, introduced General Willoughby, who is on General MacArthur's staff. He had been a patient here at Letterman for a few days.

General Willoughby paid tribute to General MacArthur as "a person, a military commander, and a statesman," briefly reviewing his achievements in wartime operations, and stressing his accomplishments in unifying the air arm, the ground forces, and the Navy in "combined warfare of the most modern sort."

He discussed the atomic bomb as a factor in the early cessation of hostilities, and said that his inspection of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki areas both from the air and on the ground showed complete destruction of flimsy buildings, but that concrete, steel-reinforced structures were more resistant to the action of the bomb.

He said that in Japan the greatest single problem of occupation was language. A canvass of the field in this country yielded only a few professors and a number of Nisei who knew Japanese. Refresher courses were established and new training instituted, but after four years a total of only about 3,000 persons equipped to act as interpreters were available, and that is the present situation.

The MacArthur method of dealing with this was to utilize the Japanese government agencies already established, and to place over them



Brig. Gen. CHARLES C. HILLMAN
presenting citations to Lt. Frances V. Patterson and Mrs. Zita Kelly.

small directive groups from our military staff, said General Willoughby.

He pointed out that the present system of military government, which permits orders to the people to be transmitted through the emperor, has proved successful and has resulted in a "tranquil occupation without a shot having been fired," and he said that he considered that it would be folly to tamper with this system.

In referring to possible future ac-

tion by the Far East Commission, with representatives from 11 nations, and the Four Power Council, which includes the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia and China, General Willoughby pointed out that General MacArthur has a veto right over their suggestions and recommendations.

Although he said that thus far the Japanese have responded to our policies with astonishing coopera-

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Three Receive DSC Treasury Awards for War Bond Service

Distinguished Service Citations were presented by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, to Lt. Frances V. Peterson and Mrs. Zita Kelly of Personal Affairs Office for their outstanding work during the War Bond drives in a ceremony held Monday afternoon in the General's office.

The citations were awarded by the Treasury Department for "untiring efforts and loyal service rendered to the War Bond program" during the seven War Bond drives and the Victory Loan drive.

Letterman General Hospital is one of the organizations which attained the "90 and 10" objective of the nation's bond program, with 90 per cent of civilian personnel participating in the payroll savings plan to the extent of 10 per cent of salary.

Capt. Wm. R. Moody, MAC, former Registrar at Letterman, also received a Distinguished Service Citation for his work on the War Bond program. Since he has already left for overseas duty, the citation was forwarded to him.

Although the organized bond drives ended with the Victory Loan drive, both cash sales and payroll reservations of Savings Bonds are maintaining a good level, according to Lieutenant Peterson.

Ninety-five per cent of the new employees at Letterman have authorized payroll deductions for savings bonds, reports Mrs. Kelly, Chief Clerk of the bond office.

Both Lieutenant Peterson and Mrs. Kelly wish to express their appreciation to the military and civilian personnel of Letterman for their generous support in the previous drives.

Art Director's Career Combines Camouflage and Circus

Because of his job as an art director for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in Hollywood, Major Stan Rogers, who is a patient at Dante Annex, Letterman General Hospital, says "I hardly ever enjoy a movie as a story any more." When he sees a film his attention is on the background and detail of the sets, and the story is a secondary matter.

His interest in his work is particularly keen, and he is anxious to get out of the Army and back on the job designing sets again.

Among his assignments during his ten years with M-G-M were the sets for all the Marx Brothers' pictures, and several of the Andy Hardy pictures. He explained that because of the long hours demanded when working on a "heavy" picture with a large number of sets, the art directors' schedules are usually arranged so as to alternate a "heavy" and a "light" picture.

One of Major Rogers' enthusiasms is the circus. He belongs to the Circus Fans' Association, whose members, according to the Major, are "men and women who used to carry water to the elephants when they were kids and have never quit wanting to keep on doing it." There are now 600 members, scattered throughout the United States, and the membership includes a number of well-known public figures.

Membership is limited to 1000. If you happen to be an ardent circus fan, and would like to join, contact Major Rogers at Dante for information. Members receive a magazine about the circus—The White Tops.

Because of his interest in circuses, Major Rogers was given the assignment of designing the sets for the Marx Brothers' film "At the Circus," for which he turned out a streamlined circus set.

"It used to be that the average picture required from 20 to 35 sets," said Major Rogers, "but in recent years that has increased to 60 to 70 sets, and it isn't unusual for a film to have as many as 100."

One of the first questions the art director asks when he starts on a picture is "Is it color?" If the picture is to be filmed in Technicolor



**Major STAN ROGERS,
Corps of Engineers**

a great deal more attention is paid to that factor in the sets, although in black and white films, color is considered important because of what it contributes to the realism of the setting, both for the sake of the actors mood and for better illusion on the screen.

The studios maintain research libraries so that the art department may have the most accurate and minute details about the period of the picture, because the sets are so important in creating atmosphere.

During World War I, Major Rogers was a master gunner in the Coast Artillery. He returned to the Army in World War II in the Corps of Engineers in November, 1942, and was first in the Army Air Force, on duty with the Camouflage School. Later, assigned to the Office of the Air Surgeon, he was engaged in setting up camouflage courses which were used in Air Force hospitals in convalescent training programs.

His final assignment was with the

Office of Strategic Services, first in Washington as a member of the Presentation Branch, later in the China-Burma-India theatre, in Ceylon and Rangoon.

Before returning to the United States last November he was for a time a patient at the 142nd General Hospital in Calcutta. He is now recuperating at Letterman. Recently he went home to Los Angeles on leave, and "had a chance to get acquainted with my family again," he says.

His wife, Mildred, was formerly a story analyst for one of the Hollywood studios. They have an eight-year-old son, Allan.

At present Major Rogers is working on an article on "Service Slang in the CBI Theatre," intended for use as background material for writers.

He has had articles published on a variety of subjects, including show business, Hollywood horses, and, of course—the circus.

Army Commendation Ribbon Awarded to Lt. Col. Craft

At ceremonies held in the office of the Commanding General here at Letterman on Wednesday afternoon, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman pinned the Army Commendation Ribbon on Lt. Colonel Seth O. Craft, PC, Executive Officer here.

In the presence of the Headquarters staff, Lieut. A. L. Taro, ADC., read the citation which authorized the award.

The citation follows:

"During World War II the Medical Department carried out its mission with outstanding success. This achievement was made possible only through the combined efforts of all Medical Department personnel. Your service with the Medical Department has been exceptional when compared with others of the same grade of similar position, and I wish to commend you for your outstanding contribution as Assistant to Director, and later as Executive Officer of the Hospital Construction Division, Operations Service, Office of The Surgeon General, from 14 January 1941 to 25 October 1944."

The citation bears the signature of Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General.

San Francisco's Chinatown is the largest Chinese settlement outside of the Orient. Its powerful Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (familiarily known as the "Six Companies") has long given leadership to Chinese affairs in the New World.

MORE ABOUT GENERAL WILLOUGHBY

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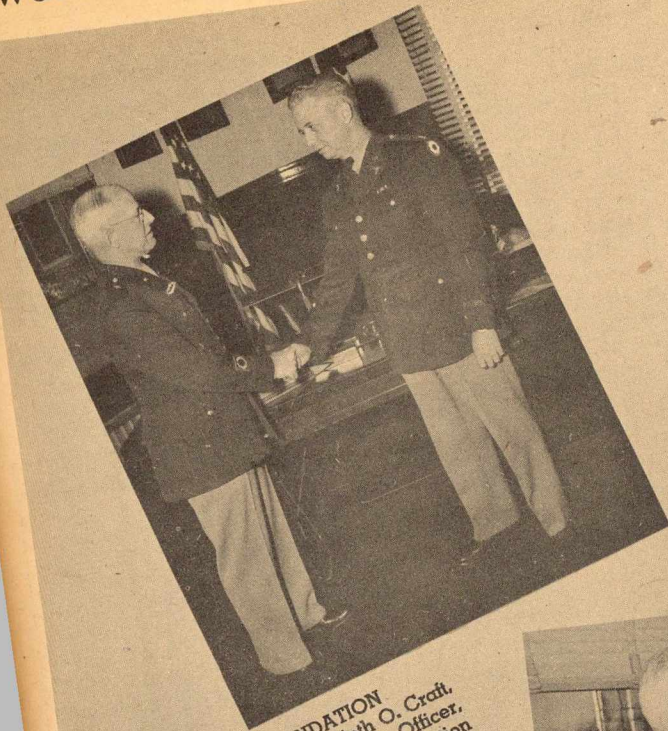
tion, General Willoughby quoted the Japanese proverb, "The willow bends with the storm."

He mentioned fraternization, and said that it presented no problem, either of morals or conduct. Living conditions do present an acute problem, since few buildings were spared in the B-29 raids.

He said that he was frequently asked to estimate the length of time our occupation forces will remain in Japan, but that he was obliged to remind his questioners that this decision was not up to the military but would be decided by Congress.

Saturday, March 16, 1946

Awards Share Camera Spotlight With New Nylons



COMMENDATION
Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, P.C., Letterman Executive Officer, receives the Army Commendation Ribbon and congratulations of the Commanding General.



LEGION OF MERIT
Is the award to Lieutenant Colonel Harry M. Lutgens, MAC, for his work as Director of Information in the office of the Surgeon General.



FOR WOUNDS IN ACTION
T-4th Grade Donald W. Weaver receives the Purple Heart medal from General Hillman.



THE FOGHORN MASCOT
Is restrained by the strong right arm of Cpl. Bette Byers



NEW NYLONS
Are caressed by T-4 Malta Bengé and T-4 Beatrice Roy. In "Look" or "Pic" th same picture would be different.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HELP WANTED

With the army melting away like ice under a strong sun it follows that Letterman is losing all of its share of the trained enlisted technicians who are normally essential for the care of the sick and wounded.

These men and women of the service were not trained overnight but only after months and years of theory and practice in their respective fields did they become valuable to this command. We still have doctors in sufficient numbers to prescribe treatment and perform operations, but the required assistance from the technicians is dwindling with each passing day. We do not anticipate the day is coming when we will have to close the hospital but the day is at hand where everyone on the staff has to work a little harder and a little longer.

The War Department has made funds available to hire civilians to replace the enlisted men and women of the Medical Department but the only civilians with adequate experience are those who acquired it in the army and too few of them are willing to return to their former military occupations.

We are facing what may turn out to be an emergency and emergency measures might have to be adopted to procure adequate and competent help to man our wards. The civil service ratings will have to be raised to a more attractive level



A lot of stars around here this week. Major General Clarence H. Danielson was flown in from overseas, tarried a few days, and then went on to Fitzsimons General Hospital. Brigadier General Charles H. Harris paused a while and then left for Walter Reed General Hospital, and Brigadier General Herbert D. Gibson met up with some old friends on the staff before he moved to Ashford General Hospital.

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Colonel Warren J. Clear, the man who told the world "there were no atheists in fox holes" in for a check up.

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Miss Lillian Jones all the way over from the Dental Clinic to throw a fright into "Jerry"—our mascot, and he does not scare easily.

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Mr. John Schutz, one time sergeant, back in his old job at the Photo Lab. and sporting tweeds, no less.

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An item on the sports page of the local daily about former Lieut. Ray Pinelli joining the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast League.

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Nothing that remotely resembled a queue in front of the Red Cross booth on the main ramp. Have you given?

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Crissy Annex looking like a "ghost" town and Lt. Colonel Robert L. Whitfield taking off for the tall timber in Tennessee.

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Lieut. Mary B. Holke looking for butetrfles on the ceiling on B-1.

of compensation to bring in the men and women now back in civil life.

The sick and wounded of our army must be cared for and anything required to enable us to carry out that mission should be a "must" in other governmental agencies. The Medical Department is prepared to do more than its share in the assigned task but in the months ahead it will have to hang out the sign—

Help Wanted



By Betty Byers

Major Eileen Brady received a letter from the Powell twins this week telling of the beauty of Percy Jones Hospital. They have luxurious rooms on the eleventh floor with a gorgeous view of Battle Creek, Michigan at their window.

Lieut. Helen Cunningham left for Ft. Dix, New Jersey Tuesday for separation, the only nurse of 12 who left this week and had to take the road back alone!

Nine nurses who became Camp Bealites this week are: 1st Lieuts. Xiva L. Beneaux, Mary L. Boley, Elizabeth Gorley, Edith Head, Beverly Johnson, Mary Knoedler, Katherine Griffith, Margarette Quigley, and Captain Erma Lee. You'll be sorry when you have to stand in line for nylons!

Also on our farewell list are Lieuts. Olivama Olivas and Bobbera Warren who left for Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

On leave this week are Lieuts. Erma B. Gagnon, and Clara Rockeman. The latter is spending her free time in Los Angeles, which brings to mind the fact that most of the nurses trek south whenever possible. WHAT'S in Los Angeles???

Lt. Margarette Quigley is going to beware loose boards from now on. Seems she sprained her arm recently after stepping on one at Crissy Field. Should we ask who she was walking with??

While hurrying down the street with her little black bag, Captain Virginia Sanderson was asked if she was going on an OB call. "No," said she, "OD. I'm on my way to the bank!!"

Lieut. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider was seen enjoying "Oklahoma" at the Curran Theater last Wednesday night.

Back to duty at Letterman after many months absence is Captain Manda Zuber, who left us in November 1942 for Camp Stoneman. After two years service there, she spent 14 months in the ETO. Welcome back!

Jobs Available

Jobs currently available at Letterman General Hospital, as listed this week by Civilian Personnel, include openings for clerk-typists, CAF-2, clerk-stenographers, CAF-3; ward masters and ward attendants.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, March 17, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Lenten Services:

Mass daily at 0600 and 0800.

Wednesdays—Rosary and Benediction at 1500.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 1500.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

RECONDITIONING says

1. While I am at Letterman I can really finish my grammar school, high school, college or even my business or trade training. This is good news for lots of us fellows. Isn't it?
2. That right now, typing, math, history, civics, English, French and Spanish are being taught every day. And, oh yes, there are classes in all kinds of trades, too.
3. The Reconditioning Division in 1039 will be glad to tell you all about this. So you ambulatory fellows can easily find out how you can get what you need.
4. That if you bed patients are interested, all you have to do is ask your nurse to call extension 4403—Reconditioning. That's easy, isn't it?
5. That classes in nearly all subjects are now being planned for both ambulatory and bed what you want. "Ask and you patients. So, let's find out what you want. "Ask and you shall receive." How about it fellows?
6. KEEP WATCHING THIS SPACE!

Any Questions?

B. H. Fisher, vocational advisor for the Veterans' Administration, will be available daily at Letterman, Monday through Friday, to answer questions on problems of veterans' rights. He will be in Building 1036 (part of separation classification section) from 8 to 10 a.m. and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. From 10 a.m. until noon he will be on the wards to answer queries.

WAC OF THE WEEK

MARGARET ANNE HAYDEN
Technician Fourth Grade

The girl who helps everyone but herself pass the gates leading to military freedom is T/4 Margaret Anne (pronounced Ann) Hayden of the Separation Section.

Margaret entered the service on 15 March 1945, at Ft. Snelling, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She took her basic training and "sweated out" six weeks of clerk school at Ft. Oglethorpe before coming to Letterman. At first Margaret shunned all clerk duties, being assigned as an assistant in Occupational Therapy. Then she was transferred to the Separation Point where the morning report haunted her even in off-duty hours. She was irreplaceable in that position, and as soon as the Separation Point closed on December 14th, she drew her first free breath and took a furlough the next day! Her chief duty now is in demobilization work, interviewing and sending clearances to Ft. Douglas. The Separation Section only clears now, whereas prior to December 14th it actually discharged military personnel from Letterman.

In civilian days, Margaret was a stenographer for three years, her last position being with International Harvester Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, her home town.

Besides swimming, dancing, and bowling, Marge's hobby is collecting semi-classical records, which she stores in suitcases under her bunk. Her favorite composer is Sigmund Romberg, and his "Student Prince" recordings are her greatest treasure. Victor Herbert shares first place with Romberg, and her off-duty hours finds Marge playing her collections on the day-room phonograph.

Unlike many of us, Margaret knows exactly what she is going to do when she receives that golden eagle button . . . she will trek up into the cool woods of northern Minnesota for a long, long vacation.

Government Plans Extensive Veteran Housing Program; 2½ Million to be Built

By Camp Newspaper Service

Two and a half million housing units to be sold or rented to veterans will be constructed during the next two years, according to a plan recently announced by President Truman.

Before the announcement of the housing program experts estimated that 2 to 4 million families would be "doubled up" by the end of 1946 and predicted that the problem would grow progressively worse in the next few years.

This building program is expected to alleviate the unrest of veterans who have found themselves up against the most critical housing shortage in the history of the nation as they attempted to find homes for their families.

The first ray of hope in the housing situation is President Truman's plan to build nearly a million homes this year and another million and a half in 1947. All of these houses would be reserved for veterans—non veterans would have to prove hardship to be entitled to buy or rent one—and the great majority of them would be priced to sell at less than \$6,000. That would go a long way toward providing every veteran with a home but even if the program is carried out successfully, President Truman estimates that 1,200,000 families will still be doubled up at the end of 1947.

At the moment the problem is this: 70,000 men will be released from the Army alone this week; in this same week there are only 70,000 houses or apartments under construction throughout the entire country.

The housing problem is not confined to any one section of the country: A veteran and his wife put up a tent in a Los Angeles park; the governor of Ohio invited a veteran and family to share the gubernatorial mansion in Columbus to help relieve the shortage there; the mayor of Racine, Wis. announces that as many as 16 to 20 persons are living in one or two rooms; in Texas a large icebox is offered as a dwelling; 300 home-seekers have to be controlled by the New York police when a Greenwich Village apartment is offered for rent to a "veteran only;" veterans' housing committees in New York, Kokomo, Chicago, Corpus Christi and Miami are swamped with requests for homes and frankly admit that the problem is too big.

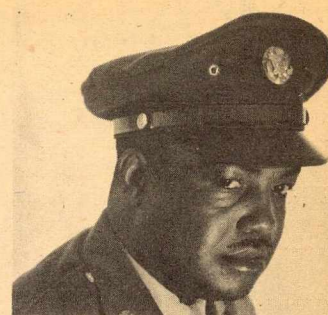
There was an acute housing problem in many sections of the country before the war. For the past five years there has been practically no construction and several hundred thousand dwellings and apartments become unsuitable for occupation every year. The population has increased nearly 8 million in the past five years. There are now 3 million more families than there were in 1940.

President Truman's plan to provide 2,500,000 permanent housing units in the next two years is based on a study by Housing Expeditor Wilson Wyatt who claims that the figure set is the minimum which will suffice to get the problem under control. The task he outlines is comparable in scope to President Roosevelt's demand that we build 50,000 planes in one year.

It means creating an industry that for a time will rival the automobile industry in capital and number of employees. It means that at least a million and a half laborers will have to be trained in construction work. It calls for complete cooperation between federal, state, city and local governments. It demands that the highest priority on all construction materials be given to home builders and that ordinary construction must be postponed. Assembly line production methods must be introduced in factories turning out prefabricated houses. And perhaps most important of all, prices must be held down so that when the new units are completed they will be within the price range of the average veteran.

Cable cars were invented to climb the steep hills of San Francisco. The first cable car made its "maiden voyage" on August 1, 1873. Many experts believe that no other form of public transportation could successfully climb California Street.

San Francisco has always been a "sailor's town." Normally San Francisco Bay is a port of call for 177 steamship lines. Today it is a major port of embarkation for the Pacific Theater of Operations and the world's greatest naval base. The shipyards around the bay have launched nearly a third of all American vessels built in the war. Many ships damaged in Pacific fighting are undergoing repairs here.

ON THE SPOT

WILLIAM JONES
Technician Fourth Grade

T/4 William Jones of Ward 2 is a versatile man whose talents cover three specific branches: music, writing, and mechanics. His outstanding work of these three has been in music.

From 1929 to 1932, Bill sang bass with the Tuskegee Institute Choir of Tuskegee, Alabama at Radio City Music Hall and Carnegie Hall at New York City, for the late President Roosevelt in his Hyde Park home, and at the White House in Washington for President Hoover. He entered a contest sponsored by the Santly Joy Music Publishers of New York City, and received honorable mention on a song judged by Guy Lombardo, Kay Kyser, Billy Rose, and Paul Whiteman.

In 1942 Bill was caught in the whirlwind of draftees at Ft. Benning induction center. On October 26, 1943 he left for New Guinea beginning 26 months duty overseas, which finally ended at Manila in December 1945.

Poetry and creative writing in general holds a fascination for Bill who has seen his creations published in the Alabama daily papers and three anthologies. His stirring poem, "I See Death" won first place in a Special Service contest at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Bill's major trade is mechanics. He has had a technical course in automobile mechanics and attempted to get into aviation mechanics at Ft. Benning, but instead was assigned to the Army Air Force Corps of Engineers at MacDill Field, Florida. Since injuring his hand in Manila, his mechanical career, after fifteen years preparation has terminated.

San Francisco Bay is one of the greatest natural harbors. Its 450 square miles of sheltered anchorage could accommodate at one time all the world's vessels.

WAC

By Bette Byers

If you see more WAC's out walking thees days, the reason is obvious: The nylons have been issued! As one girl pointed out, "The girl I was lunching with was wearing a \$1,100 fur coat, but I had the nylons!"

Furlough-bound this week are T/5 Ethel Kovacs, T/5 Betty Madruga, and T/4 Mary Joyce. You'll have a marvelous time, we know!

Staff Sergeant Emily Maxwell of Separation returned from furlough five days early! The thought of a bus trip from Washington, D. C., convinced her she'd better take to the rails before the strike was called. Midway cross-country she learned the railroad strike had been cancelled!

Latest news flash! The Army and Navy really got together last Wednesday when Sgt. Audrey Martin, whose father is a Colonel in Washington, D. C., and Lt. (j.g.) Thomas F. Utegaard were married in the Presbyterian Church at Sacramento and Van Ness Ave. in San Francisco by Dr. D. D. Creighton. The bridal party included T/Sgt. Mary Chamberlain as maid of honor, and Lt. (j.g.) Robert Racina, best man. Audrey's home is in Daytona Beach, Florida, and Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, is the home of the groom. They met in January of '43 when Audrey was living in Washington, D. C., and Tom was attending Annapolis. He graduated with the class of '44. The couple left for a three-week's honeymoon Friday for Wisconsin Rapids, and will live in San Diego until May 15th at which time Tom is scheduled to leave for another year in Tokyo, although he already has two years in the Pacific to his credit. Mrs. A. J. Blower, Jr., the bride's sister, flew to San Francisco for the ceremony.

Captain Stephenson is now back at her old job after finding out how a patient lives at Letterman.

In answer to our cries for help, 35 WAC's reported in this week from Camp Haan. You don't know how welcome you are! You'll find out what we mean very shortly!

REGISTRAR'S RIGHT HAND WRITES THE RIGHT NEWS ABOUT PATIENTS



MRS. LILLIAN TAYLOR
Secretary to Captain Manley G. Morrison, Registrar

Intelligent cooperation and warm sympathy are "must" qualities for the job of secretary to the Registrar, and Mrs. Lillian Taylor, who recently assumed those duties, has both in generous measure.

Mrs. Taylor, who has been at Letterman for the past year, has been in the Registrar's office all during that period, and has found her duties interesting and varied.

When an anxious wife or mother writes to Letterman to inquire about a patient, it is Mrs. Taylor's job to reply to the letter. Sometimes the relative has been notified that the serviceman is here, but knows no more than that. He has not written home, and the family naturally wants to have news of him.

Mrs. Taylor investigates, goes to the ward whenever possible, ascertains the condition of the patient, and sends a letter home about him. She also asks him to write to his family, so that they will have personal word from him.

It is necessary to exercise dis-

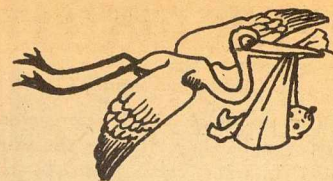
cretion in replying to these queries, and information is not given to any but members of the family, unless authorized by the patient himself.

Mrs. Taylor's family lived on the Hearst estate at San Simeon, and she was born and reared there. She says celebrities were so much in evidence that they became commonplace, but she remembers George Bernard Shaw, "because of his rudeness."

She did a lot of horseback riding, and rode in rodeos as "Sweetheart of the Rodeo." On one occasion she rode "Firefly," a horse that formerly belonged to Rudolph Valentino. She hopes some day to go back to the country and raise blooded horses. She enjoys hunting and fishing, and killed her first buck at the age of nine!

Painting is another of Mrs. Taylor's accomplishments. She does water colors, pastels, and pencil drawings. As might be expected, her favorite subject is the horse.

She attended Santa Barbara State



To Major and Mrs. John DuBois, a daughter, **Suzanne Lutzen**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 4 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. Leo Carroll, a daughter, **Joan Marie**, weight 9 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 4 March.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Kalfain, a son, **Richard Edward**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 4 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. Alfred Corry, a son, **Christopher Jon**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 4 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Luther P. Kuttler, a son, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 4 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard Kennedy, a daughter, **Susan Jeanne**, weight 3 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 5 March.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. Philip L. Evans, a son, **Lynden Anthony**, weight 6 pounds and 11¼ ounces, born 5 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William C. Karro, a son, **Robert Scott**, weight 8 pounds, born 5 March.

To Flight Officer and Mrs. William O. Huttlinger, a son, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 6 March.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Don Masters, a daughter, **Sharon Eileen**, weight 6 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 6 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Paul P. Green, a son, weight 6 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 7 March.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. Hayden H. Hamilton, a son, weight 6 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 7 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Milton Ber-man, a son, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 8 March.

College, and intended to teach, but says she discovered she "just didn't have enough patience."

Mrs. Taylor has lived in San Francisco for the past eight years. Most of her free time is devoted to her four-year-old daughter, Leslie. Leslie spends her days in nursery school, then her mother takes over until 8 p.m., which is Leslie's bedtime.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

The month of March approaching like a lamb, (hope it exits the same way) brought forth trips to the country and mountains.

Feeling the effects from her first sunburn of the year, **Betty Strunk** from the Reconditioning Section is taking it quite easy at her desk after returning from a glorious time spent at Alpine Lodge in Marin County.

Up in the clouds as she leaves via air for Los Angeles, **Zella Counts** of the Occupational Therapy Branch at Dante takes a few weeks off to get acquainted with her new niece, born to her twin sister in that city.

Lake Tahoe always being a favorite spot for **Leonne Brennan** of the Dental Branch was lured away to the mountains for the week end. As the lake was still too chilly for a swim, Reno, "the biggest little city" offered much in the way of entertainment. Encountering a snow storm while enroute home climaxed an eventful week end.

Down to Los Gatos trekked "Bee-bee" from the prosthetic section of the Dental Branch. With all the trees in full blossom, the trip was a beautiful sight to see.

Getting all primed for a week's vacation is **Hilda Mansfield**, the human vitamin pill in the PX Grill, who is leaving this week for a good rest. Hilda's young daughter will play an important part amid all her plans.

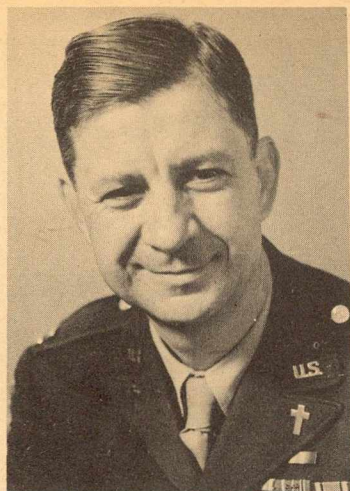
Returning to private life after five years of duty at Letterman, **Lucille Glover** from the Finance Section is eagerly looking forward to her permanent vacation at her home in marvelous Marin. A cherrio and when the gardening is finished come over and see us!

From the 4th Air Force, Hammer Field, Fresno we greet **Peggie Bennett** resuming her duties in the Dental Branch.

Reverting to civilian status after leaving their WAC uniforms behind, we welcome **Helen Sutmary** to Officer's Personnel, **Agnes Shell** and **Charlotte Horn** to Enlisted Patient Section, **Ruth DeHay** to Personnel Affairs Office, and **Lillian Ferguson** to the Finance Section.

Our best wishes go along with **Flora Bambiano** as she leaves this week after two years of duty in the Civilian Personnel Office.

LETTERMAN LOSES TWO CHAPLAINS VIA SEPARATION CENTERS



V. EMMETT BUTTERWORTH,
Chaplain (Capt) U.S. Army

It begins to look like "open season" on the representatives of the Chaplains' Corps at Letterman when two of our staff receive orders to report to separation centers in the same week.

The first to go was Chaplain (Captain) Charles P. Cowherd who has been at Crissy Annex for the past few months and before that held down a desk at the main hospital when he was not wearing out shoe leather on his rounds of the wards.

The chaplain joined this station in October and soon became a favorite with the patients because he had been through the mill with them and could talk field language. He served with the Seventh Army in the ETO and was wounded several times in the heavy fighting in which his outfit engaged. The Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster is one of his decorations. After he had become one of us another decoration caught up with him and the commanding general here pinned the Silver Star for gallantry on his blouse.

The outstanding characteristic of Chaplain Cowherd is his modesty about his bravery and achievements in the field. Queries as to what he had done over there always elicited the response "Oh, nothing much" and he let it go at that.

The chaplain will return to his native state of South Carolina and hopes to take up work as a foreign missionary in China as soon as his church will make the necessary arrangements.



CHARLES P. COWHERD
Chaplain (Captain) U. S. Army

His partner on the outward march from Letterman this week is Chaplain (Captain) V. Emmett Butterworth who joined us in November after a tour of overseas duty with the 76th General Hospital. His experience made him a valuable member of our staff and he needed no indoctrination on the ways in which a hospital chaplain performs his duties.

Chaplain Butterworth is a mild mannered cleric with an attractive smile that was always in evidence. He had a fund of patience in listening to long stories and the rocking chair in his office was reserved for visitors. It was his idea that a man in a rocking chair always felt more like talking and the chaplain was there to listen.

The chaplain is a native of Missouri, went to school in Oklahoma, and then discovered California where he successively held pastorates in El Centro, Compton, and Santa Rosa. He has made no statement on his plans for the future but it is a safe guess that he will remain in the Golden State.

Chaplain Cowherd and Chaplain Butterworth take with them the best wishes of the command for their future well being in civil life. The latch string at Letterman will always be out for them in the years that lie ahead.

Chaplain (Captain) Herman N. Benner has reported for duty here as one replacement for the chaplains who left us and we will ask him a few questions and give our readers more about him in an early issue.

Ward Wanderings

By Bette Byers

Celebrating his first anniversary in Army hospitals is Pfc **Morris Melvin** of Ward C-1, who was able to get out of bed for the first time in weeks. Morris has been in the 11th Portable Surgical Hospital on Luzon, 29th Evacuation Hospital on Manila and 133rd General Hospital on Leyte before arriving at Letterman.

Sgt. **Richard Palmer**, also of Ward C-1, still confuses the nurses with his "Peck's bad boy" act while he manages to keep a poker face. They're catching on, though, Dick!

Ward D-1 had the happy experience of hearing **Jimnee June** sing recently, while **Darlyne Dunker** accompanied her on the piano. Jimnee sings with Leighton Noble's orchestra at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. While hearing Jimnee sing "Honey" S/Sgt. **Lewis Myers** was looking mighty dreamy-eyed. Thinking of someone, Lewis???

During the above performance, we noted Pfc **Clyde Dawson** sitting in his wheel chair about two feet from Jimnee. Hoping to get closer, maybe, or is that possible?????

On Ward E-2 we find Pfc **Gene Hemsley** recuperating from a recent bone graft operation and lying in that raised-toe-lowered-shoulder position. It won't be long, Gene, from what we hear about your steady progress!

Nurses beware! Although Pvt. **Harold Gronseth** of Ward E-1 is in traction and gives the impression of being mighty meek, he's far from an angel when the nurse's back is turned. Should we put a "BEWARE" sign in front of his bed, maybe????

In Ward C-2 **Frank Soto** is forever telling new jokes, so he must manage to change his repertoire. We notice he always gets a laugh, too!! "Can You Top This" radio program will soon be seeking him for his talents.

The Golden Gate was not named for the Gold Rush, as many people believe. It was named before the discovery of gold in California, by Captain John Charles Fremont of the U. S. Army. He wrote: "To this Gate I gave the name of 'Chrysopylae' or Golden Gate, for the same reason that the harbor of Byzantium was called 'Chrysoceras' or Golden Horn." The "Gate" is a mile wide and four miles long.

Promotions

Cpls. Frank A. Belino, Harold L. Eads, Frederick D. Evans, Theodore R. Otterstetter, promoted to T/4.

Cpls. Glen N. Davidson, Wesley H. Morgan, Alexander Seskin, Rocco Nobile, Hobart W. Hammersley, Jr., promoted to Sergeant.

T/5s Henry M. Anaya, Daniel F. Ervin, Aaron H. Shotten, Andrew C. Quock, Anthony J. Salvato, promoted to T/4.

Pfcs George W. Dutton, Grady B. Elkins, Marion N. Howard, Edward Wierlo, Oliva H. Granger, Orrin J. Stofflet, James L. Williams, Jr., William G. Hesse, Lawrence P. Stephano, Lloyd N. Yocom, promoted to Corporal.

Pfcs Clyde H. Blevins, Robert E. Boyett, Kenneth A. L. Flugga, Alvin L. Hammond, Ines F. Singson, Albert L. Vendouris, Chester J. Wroblewski, Frank T. Colaizzo, George E. Gary, Gordon T. Lissner, Walter W. Taylor, Norman B. Wiseman, Paul E. Courtney, Robert W. Goodman, Paul E. Riedel, Jr., Hans J. Thompson, Sid G. Williams, promoted to T/5.

Pvts. Jose Barbosa, Wilbert L. Higdon, Harold D. Jones, Kyoji Kanegae, Tony Ono, Filadelfio Salazar, Ellis H. Springle, William V. Starnes, George J. Yecker, promoted to Pfc.

Awards

Four Letterman patients received Purple Heart awards this week and were decorated on Wednesday by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, who commended the men for their bravery.

The awards went to:

Lt. Arthur R. Bart, Army Air Force, of California, wounded in Germany, November 30, 1944.

T/4 Donald W. Weaver, Infantry, of Encinitas, California, who was wounded in action by an enemy sniper on Leyte, June 2, 1945.

Pfc. Gust Arnold, Ordnance, of Tehachapi, California, wounded by Shrapnel on Biak Island, June 2, 1944.

Pfc. Richard Christensen, Infantry, wounded in action in France, December 14, 1944.

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, completed in 1936, is the world's biggest and longest — 8½ miles from end to end and 4½ miles over water. The Golden Gate Bridge, completed in 1937, has the world's longest single span—4,200 feet (four-fifths of a mile) between the piers.

COLUMBIA'S "LOOK OF THE MONTH" IS BRAINY BEAUTY JANIS CARTER



This "Look of the Month" by Photographer Ned Scott, demonstrates that Janis Carter is a cutie, and a deceiving one. But blame nature. Under that head of giddy, golden hair is a smoothly ticking brain.

Born in Cleveland, she graduated from college in record time, demonstrated her skill in a variety of fields, and then zoomed into Hollywood—still a youngster.

Her success was of the solid sort, too. First she found out it was easy to be prosperous through singing. Maybe you heard her when she sang on the Grace Moore program.

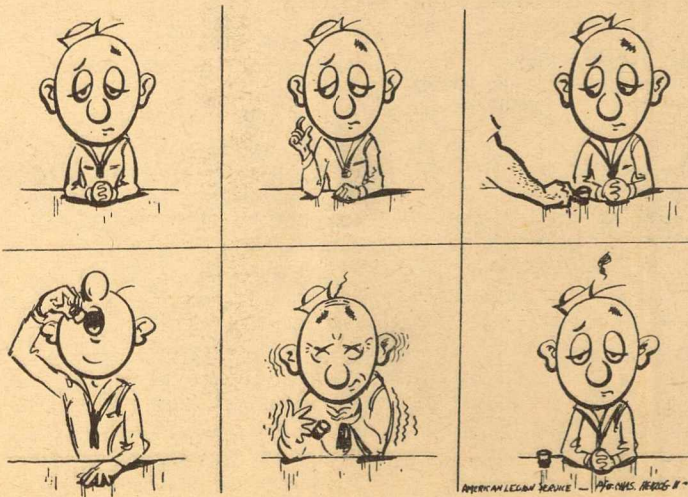
But that was too easy. So she de-

cided to write. From her typewriter rolled scripts for "Gang Busters" and "We the People" on the networks.

But that was dull. She became a cover girl for such magazines as Vogue, Vanity Fair, and Harpers.

But that was even easier than singing. Someone interested her in the big time on the stage. Right away she landed a role in "I Married An Angel." You know the rest. Then Hollywood saw her, and in the natural order of things she landed on a motor scooter—for Columbia Pictures where she currently has a feminine lead in "Night Editor," one of many leading roles she has recently enjoyed.

"Quick One"



Gov. Warren Signs Bill to Aid Vets In Civil Service

Eight bills to aid veterans were signed last week by Governor Earl Warren, including four which provide State civil service benefits.

The civil service bills: Allow time spent in military service to be counted as experience in State civil service examinations;

Give veterans a mandatory right to leaves of absence without pay to attend school under the GI Bill of Rights;

Make veteran preference in State civil service retro-active, so that anyone who passed an examination and within six months entered the service receives veterans' preference; Amend the law which gives seniority credit for time spent in the service, and this includes seniority credit for military leave as well.

The other bills provide:

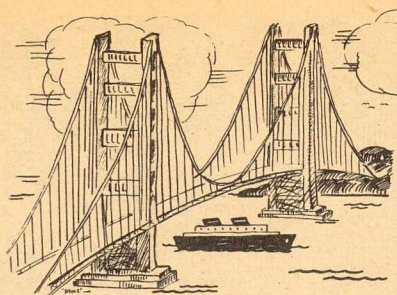
Effective immediately the time period for veterans re-entering the State employees' retirement system to re-deposit withdraw contributions is extended from 12 to 36 months.

An extension of the kinds of service certificates and documents which the state will record free for individual veterans. Officers, cadets, midshipmen, nurses and women veterans now have the same privileges as soldiers, sailors and marines.

Exemption of veterans from penalties, interests or costs on property taxes during military service and six months thereafter. A provision is also made for refunds for taxes and penalties paid while in the service.

An annual list to be sent to the Veterans' Welfare Board from the Department of Mental Hygiene reporting all veterans who have been patients for six months or more; and a semi-annual list of those who have been hospitalized for 90 days. Entry of a veteran must be reported within one week.

San Francisco has been ravaged seven times by major fires, and seven times the city has been rebuilt. After the great fire of 1906, which nearly destroyed the city, generous offers of money and other assistance poured in from all over the world. San Francisco has never forgotten how the world stood by her in her hour of need, and she never will.



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Last Rites Held Here for Former Letterman Chaplain

Funeral services were held for Chaplain (Colonel) James M. Webb, 71, Friday afternoon at the new Post chapel at the Presidio, with interment at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno. Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click of Letterman General Hospital officiated at the last rites.

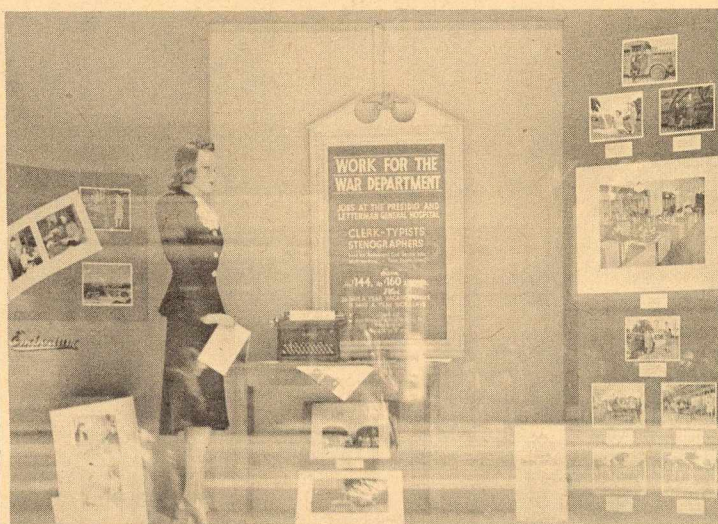
Colonel Webb, who was well known on the Post, having been chaplain both at the Presidio of San Francisco and at Letterman during his years in the Army, died Tuesday, March 19, at Letterman Hospital after a two-week illness. He retired from the Army in 1938, and since that time has been living in San Francisco at 329 Castenado Street.

He was born in Bellbuckle, Tennessee, January 7, 1875, and attended Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, and the Army School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His first tour of duty was at the Presidio of Monterey in 1912 and 1913. The following year he was chaplain at the Presidio of San Francisco, and in 1915 he served on the Mexican border.

During World War I he was in the Philippines and Siberia. He was chaplain at Angel Island, Fort McDowell, from 1920-24, and was again at the Presidio of Monterey from 1924-28. He was assigned to duty at Fort Howard, Maryland from 1929-33, then served as chaplain at Letterman until his retirement in 1938.

Colonel Webb was a past master of the Masonic Lodge, and chaplain of the Marina Post of the American Legion. Before entering the Army, he was pastor of Presbyterian

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Window display at The Emporium tells of jobs available at Letterman General Hospital and Presidio of San Francisco.

Apply by Mar. 26 for Civil Service Exams

Open competitive Civil Service examinations were announced this week for the positions of Typist, CAF-1, and Stenographer, CAF-2. Applications for the examination must be in the San Francisco office of the Civil Service Commission not later than March 26, and blanks can be obtained from the Civilian Personnel office at Letterman, Room 308, Administration Building.

These examinations will establish a list for probational appointments to permanent Civil Service positions. Per annum salaries are: CAF-1, \$1506; CAF-2, \$1704. The announcement states that some appointments may be made in higher grades.

Applicants will be notified of the time and place of the examination.

Full particulars are listed in the announcement, a copy of which is posted on the hospital bulletin board.

May Get Diploma By Passing Test

California-resident veterans, who have attended high school but did not graduate, may now qualify for diplomas under a special plan, according to the Veterans' Administration.

Those who attended San Francisco schools may obtain diplomas by passing general educational development tests. These are given at the School District Guidance Center, 750 Eddy Street, San Francisco.

Non-residents, in addition to passing the tests must also attend a semester of night school.

Servicemen like to communicate with home as much as they like to hear from home. Your contribution of \$7 to the Red Cross fund campaign will supply enough recording disks for 100 servicemen to "talk a letter home" from hospitals and Red Cross clubs in far-off lands.

Window Display Used to Recruit Civilian Employees

Main feature of the current cooperative program for recruiting civilian personnel for Letterman General Hospital and the Presidio of San Francisco is the window display in The Emporium in downtown San Francisco.

One of the store's main Market Street windows is devoted to the showing, and features posters inviting prospects to "Come to Work for the War Department." They are directed to apply to the Civilian Personnel office at the Presidio, Building 86. Salaries are listed at from \$144 to \$160 per month.

An attractive mannequin wearing, of course, the correct office attire, is surrounded by photographs showing views of the Presidio grounds, the Letterman Administration building, civilian employees strolling around the grounds, and on the Pitch and Putt golf course. Also shown are civilian at work in office and hospital interiors here on the Post.

The posters tell about transportation facilities—that the D and E street cars come direct to the Presidio, and that share-the-ride clubs are also available.

Openings listed for Letterman include clerk-typist and clerk-stenographer; ward masters, ward attendants, X-ray technicians, dental technicians and pharmacists.

The French word for happiness is bonheur, meaning "good hour." Let us gather hours of gladness. So many are lost because we are not conscious of them at the time.—Maurice Maeterlinck.

New PX at East Hospital is Waiting to Welcome You

Customers at the East Hospital's new PX in Building 1039 are still coming in and saying wonderingly "When did this open?" and they're told "Just this week."

Then they buy something, maybe one of those jumbo hamburgers for two bits, and its so good they go out and tell their friends about it and pretty soon there's a crowd around that good-looking redwood bar. Or they try some of that special ham or turkey, and right away they're steady customers.

The menu includes soup—home-made, not canned—sandwiches, salads, pies, all the fountain specials, and, after 4 p.m., ice cold beer.

Bill Thompson is in charge of the bar, and the cook is Albert Dennis. Bill gives him a rating of expert.

Or maybe the customer comes in the other door and sees the attractive blonde wood showcases (no, that's not a mistake, it's the showcases that are blonde, this isn't a description of the girls behind the counter). Anyway, the showcases are full of the kind of this and that that a PX has for sale—including an extra large assortment of costume jewelry, cosmetics and perfumes, good-looking luggage, and—well, everything from electric razors for the men to smart handbags for the women.

The staff in the store includes Gayl Hart, Naomi Miller and Maryann Croaker, and they give you a big smile with every purchase, at no extra charge.

When the customers go into the barber shop, they see that Harry Tabolow, Chief Barber, has a brand-new spot to work in to celebrate the anniversary he has coming up April 1. On that date he will complete 27 years at Letterman, and that's a record for anyone.

Two years ago, when Harry had been at Letterman a quarter of a century, he was presented with a Certificate of Completion of 25 Years of Service, "in appreciation and recognition of exceptional service."

When he first came to the Post he was manager of the Letterman baseball team, and in 1919 the team played 40 games and didn't lose one. No doubt the fact that Harry had played professional baseball with the New York Highlanders (forerunners of the present New York Yankees) had a lot to do with that unbeaten team record.

Working with Harry in the new



The store at the new PX at Letterman's East Hospital, Building 1039, with (L to R): Maryann Croaker, Gayl Hart, and Naomi Miller taking care of the customers.

shop are Jack Bielanin, Al Romanello, V. L. Yancey and Tony L. Lombardo.

On this page you can see a view of the store in operation; on page 3 Bill Thompson is surveying a flock of pleased customers, and Harry and some of his staff are seen in action in the barber shop.

Major C. E. Rumsey, Exchange officer, says the new PX is catering to the needs of the patients and enlisted personnel on the Post.

Now about the hours for the three units of the PX—the bar will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (until the end of the first show); the store will sell from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the barber shop hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drop in any time and see what's what. You'll like it.

Biography of a four-time widow: She first married a millionaire, then an actor, then a preacher, then an undertaker. "One for the money, two for the show, three to make ready, and four to go!"

MORE ABOUT LAST RITES

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churches in Merced and Monterey, California.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ida Lou Napier Webb, and three daughters, Mrs. Sara MacKerracher and Mrs. Margaret Grayeb of San Francisco, and Mrs. Mary Ferris of Warren, Ohio. Mrs. MacKerracher is the wife of Capt. Robert A. MacKerracher of San Francisco Naval Shipyard, and Mrs. Grayeb is the wife of Colonel George A. Grayeb of Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

A year ago, Colonel Webb celebrated his seventieth birthday by delivering the sermon and conducting the services at the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church of San Francisco. Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Charles C. Hillman were in the congregation that day and were among those who congratulated Colonel Webb after the services.

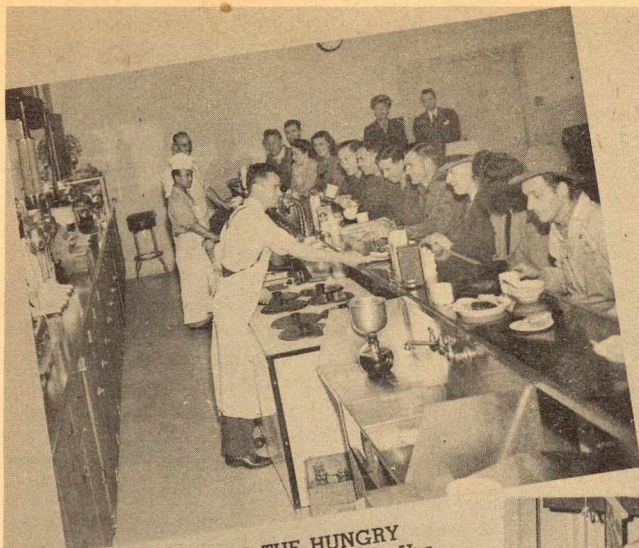
AT THE LIBRARY

Do you believe in mermaids? No? Neither did Arthur Peabody until he caught one, took her home, and put her in his wife's bathtub. From thereon the tale grows hilarious and poignant at the same time, as Guy and Constance Jones unfold it in the new book "Peabody's Mermaid." What the wife did about the situation and how Peabody, sensing he had missed something in life, reacted to the fantastic adventure makes for good reading if—you believe in mermaids! In the Library.

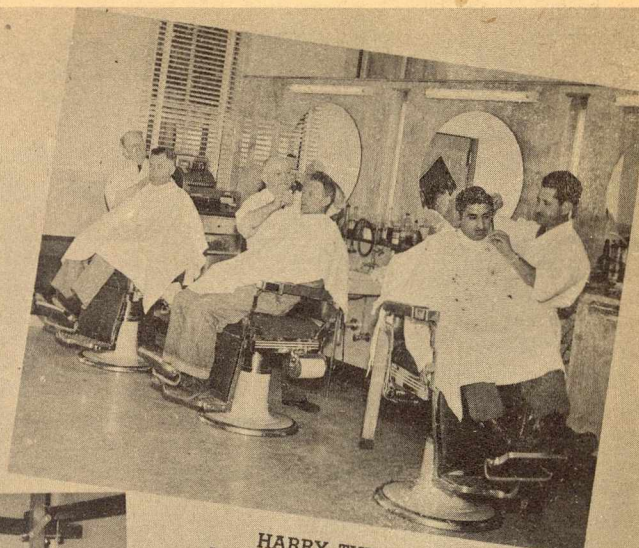
Wanta go fishin' 'n huntin' in Texas—vicariously and entertainingly? Try Hart Stilwell's new book "Hunting and Fishing in Texas." Lots of good pictures and a style that will keep you engrossed far into the night. In the Library.

To improve the golden moment of opportunity, and catch the good that is within our reach, is the great art of life.—Samuel Johnson.

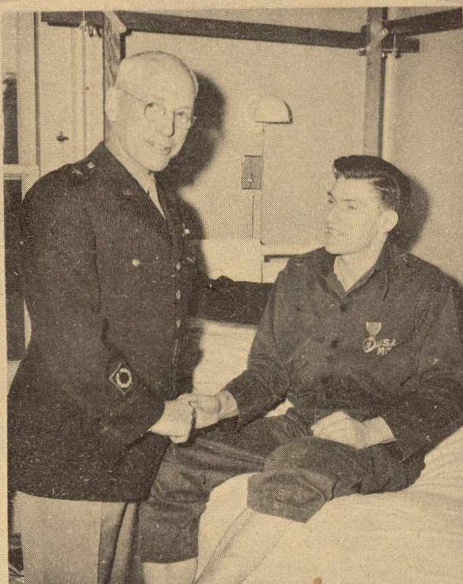
CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS LAST WEEK AT LETTERMAN



FEEDING THE HUNGRY
At the redwood bar at East Hospital's new PX. Note those happy smiles.



HARRY THE BARBER
And two of his assistants in their new shop in East Hospital. L to R: Harry Tabolow, Maj. C. E. Rumsey, Exchange officer, Jack Bie-lanin, Pete Nelson, Bill Terrazas, Al Romanello.



WOUNDED IN ACTION
In France, Pfc. Richard Christensen is decorated with the Purple Heart by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman.



A STREAMLINED VERSION
Of "Oklahoma" was put on in some of the wards last week by members of the show's cast.



TAPPING THEIR WAY
Through "Kansas City," one of the big song hits from "Oklahoma"

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EDITORIAL

DON'T WASTE IT

Most of us are aware that there now exists a critical shortage of essential food supplies for world needs, although we live in an atmosphere of plenty. But in many other countries of the world our fellow human beings are obliged to go hungry.

For this reason military stocks of food must be conserved so that surpluses can be released for export to the starving people of devastated countries.

An over-all program of food conservation has been directed by the War Department at this Post as part of the general Army-wide food-saving plan. It is necessary to save all kinds of food supplies, but particularly cereals and bread.

Both patients and military and civilian personnel of Letterman are urged to take an active part in this program. It must of necessity be a personal thing with each of us. You are urged not to leave edible food on your plate, because it must be thrown away.

Human nature is such that our sympathies are easily aroused for our friends or for those whom we see to be in need, but distance makes for indifference, in even the most compassionate.

If you sat beside a hungry person, you'd gladly give him some of your food, but when he is across an ocean, your emotion about his need is dulled. Don't let it be.



T/Sgt. Tim Timmerle (Timbuck, it says on his match books) back from a week in Los Angeles. Had a good time but it got a little rainy, so he came back. That L. A. weather again!

Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman and Lt. Col. T. L. McKenna taking off for a flying (literally) trip to San Diego, to be gone just a few days.

Mildred Vickers of the PX Grill waving a hand to give people a whiff of that fragrant Shanghai perfume she uses.

Everything from "Kilroy Was Here" to a drawing of Pop-Eye scrawled on the about-to-be cleaned windows in the ramp. Has anybody found out the real story on Kilroy yet?

Lillian Ferguson of Finance, ex-WAC who came to Letterman a month ago from Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver.

Lt. Vernal Piper, ANC, just back from a trip which took her to New York and Philadelphia. She says—credible as it seems—that it's Spring on the East Coast, too.

Mr. Charles C. Wise, former Staff Sergeant, back at Letterman since receiving his discharge, and at work in Physical Reconditioning.

April Fool

The regular monthly party for enlisted personnel of SCU 1972 will be held Friday, March 29, at 8 p.m. at the Letterman Club, and will fool people by being an early April Fool party, according to the announcement. Something extra special is promised, with dancing to the music of a good orchestra, games, prizes and surprises.

On the ever-absorbing subject of food, the party committee says there will be a buffet supper of turkey and cranberry sauce, ham, salad, wine cake, coke and beer.

Husbands, wives, boy friends, and "even civilians" may be brought along as the invited guests of the enlisted personnel.

Make the most of time, it flies away so fast; yet method will teach you to win time.—Goethe.

Save food by taking only what you need. "Take all you want—but eat all you take."



Lieut. Col. Mildred O. Chapman, now on terminal leave, was a Letterman visitor this week. In private life Colonel Chapman is Mrs. Lindsay E. Beaton and plans to make her future home in Tucson, Arizona, where Dr. Beaton will practice medicine.

Lieut. Elsie Shidler, who is assigned to Ward F-1 has decided to have her tonsils out in preference to receiving her separation papers from the ANC. Can you top that one???

Leaving for 14 carefree days to be spent in Oregon are Lieuts. June Paddock and Martha Zimbrick, who should really enjoy that gorgeous country. Do you two fish, we'd like to know!

Approximately 25 pool nurses left this week for their various separation centers, which include Camp Beale, Ft. Dix, New Jersey, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Good luck to all of you!

Men are seen climbing in and out of the windows of the Nurses' Quarters these days! Don't be alarmed. They are painters, and doing a nice job of applying that bright yellow coat.

Major Florence Bussell, supervisor of the east hospital, is being admitted to Ward O-1 as a patient. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

The "Voice of the Turtle" was heard by a very gay party last Tuesday. Those who enjoyed the performance were Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider, Major Eileen W. Brady, Major Ann A. Benton, and Capt. Elizabeth Johnson. Following the custom of most theatre-goers, they finished the evening with a midnight snack.

Lieut. Mary M. Maslin, who had been working in surgery, has been admitted to the hospital with malaria. Our get well wishes are sent your way.

Lieut. Virginia Warren has been very busy the past few days entertaining her friends from her home town.

Also on the ill list is Lieut. Mary Steinkrauss, who not only was sick on being admitted to the hospital, but had to see her tickets to Oklahoma, which she had so looked forward to seeing, go unused!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, March 24, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Lenten Services:

Mass daily at 0600 and 0800.

Wednesdays—Rosary and Benediction at 1500.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 1500.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Stork Was Here

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. William J. O'Shaughnessy, twins, a daughter, Maureen Margaret, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, a son, Michael William, weight 7 pounds, born 11 March.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles L. Wimberly, a son, Dan Preston, weight 5 pounds and 8 ounces, born 12 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. Raymond J. Edlin, a son, Ronald Jay, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 12 March.

To T/3 and Mrs. Philip S. Vail, a daughter, Virginia Ann, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 14 March.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. Ervin R. Archibald, a daughter, Susan Kay, weight 6 pounds and ½ ounce, born 14 March.

To Major and Mrs. John Hartline, a son, John David Samuel II, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 14 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edmond Alligui, a son, Paul, weight 6 pounds and ½ ounce, born 15 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Leonard N. Weigner, a daughter, Valentina Leonard, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 15 March.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Albert Owen, a son, Paul Martin, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 16 March.

The many friends of Lieut. Clayre P. Sullivan are grieved to learn that she is ill, and extend their sincere speedy recovery wishes. They hope to see her back with them very soon.

The food in Vancouver, B. C., certainly did agree with Lieut. Betty Stark, who returned recently from leave with an additional five pounds. Where did you put them, Betty???

WAC OF THE WEEK



INGRID MARIE SLAASTED
Technician Fifth Grade

From Oslo, Norway to Letterman is quite a jump, but the girl who "dood it" is T/5 Ingrid Slaasted, who has been a Lettermanite since June of last year. Of course she didn't make the jump direct, but detoured via Racine, Wisconsin, where she took time out to grow up and lead quite an interesting life doing so.

Ingrid began working at the ripe old age of 14, and has done everything from driving a taxi to working in a machine shop where airplane motors were manufactured for the Navy.

Before joining the WAC's, she sought the opinion of her four brothers who were in the service at that time . . . three in the Army, and one to keep up the Navy part of the war. Their reply? "It's up to you, but if you join, it's got to be nothing but the Medical Corps!" Sooo, Ingrid enlisted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, took her basic at Ft. Oglethorpe, and vainly tried to get into the Motor Pool. That being closed, she was made a "Medic" and everyone was happy. We now find her caring for the patients in K-1 and K-3.

The hubbub of barracks life was not new to her, for Ingrid comes from a family of nine children, five being younger than she.

The biggest thrill Ingrid has experienced in some time was when she received a call from her brother who had just returned from the Pacific and was at Camp Stoneman. She hadn't seen her brothers in the service for three years, and as she attempted to find this one, she spotted a familiar figure walking toward her. Lo and behold, it was another brother, and when the three finally got together it was a meeting worth seeing!

PAY INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT PROPOSED FOR ALL ARMY-NAVY PERSONNEL

Washington (CNS)—Pay boosts of 20 percent have been recommended by the Army and Navy to encourage reenlisting and to keep pace with increasing civilian wage scales. Pay of all officers and EM would be affected if Congress approves the request.

The recommendation was made jointly by Secretary of War Robert S. Patterson and Secretary of Navy James Forrestal. It reportedly has the support of the administration.

The proposal calls for a flat 20 percent increase in the base pay of all officers and enlisted men. Allowances for rent, subsistence and dependents would likewise be increased.

The measure does not recommend increases in flying, glider, parachute, submarine or "other special pay allowances." The last has been interpreted to mean that no increase in special overseas pay is contemplated.

However, since all special pay allowances are tabulated as a certain percentage of base pay, these allowances would be increased somewhat by the proposed 20 percent base pay boosts.

Explaining the failure to rec-

ommend higher flight pay, the announcement of the proposal stated: "Study of these types of service indicates, however, that an inequity existed where members of the service who are not on flight pay or similar status were frequently required to participate in aerial flights without compensation for the additional risk."

To correct this inequity the measure includes a provision for a payment of \$10,000 for loss of life by service personnel in airplane accidents during authorized aerial flights.

Secretaries Patterson and Forrestal pointed out that the armed forces "must compete with private business and industry in recruiting men capable of becoming technicians competent to handle the complicated mechanical equipment of the post-war services."

The heads of the Army and Navy declared that they did not expect the pay boosts to entirely solve the recruiting problem but expressed the belief that the number of volunteers would increase greatly if Congress approves the pay recommendations.

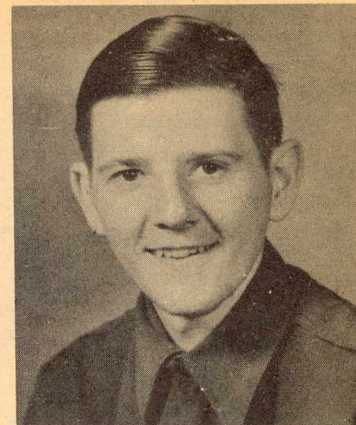


"Any of you guys acquainted with the supply sergeant?"

Ingrid's interests include soft-ball, basketball, swimming, skiing, and making billfolds. Having specific original ideas on the latter, she put her invention to test with paper, and found it to be very successful and unusual. Any of you who want something different can look up Ingrid and try to pry the secrets of her invention from her. Then you'll really have an outstanding wallet!

In answer to the inevitable question "What are your plans after being discharged?", Ingrid replied, "I'd like to get a job where I can make the most money!" Who wouldn't?

ON THE SPOT



CHARLES GIRSBERGER
Pfc.

One of the youngest patients who has been making model airplanes the longest is Pfc. Charles Girsberger of Ward C-2. Finding this a fascinating hobby at the age of eight, Charles started from scratch and since then has picked up practically every trick known of this pastime. The planes he makes are not models of those actually in use, but rather those "dreamed up." Not being satisfied with the "grounded" type, Charles completes his with motors, and finds a great deal of pleasure in watching them take to the air.

During his summer vacation before going into his senior semester of Langley High School, in Langley, Washington, Charles spent his time working in a shipyard. He received a deferment to carry him through the summer so that he could finish his high school education, but like "best made plans of mice and men . . ." the deferment was cancelled and he was drafted into the Army, and the infantry at that!

Before going overseas, he was stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi; Ft. Meade, Maryland, and Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He saw Scotland, England, and France before being wounded by a sniper at Brest France. After being transferred from one station hospital to another, Charles became a veteran of Army General Hospitals, starting with Halloran in New York, and passing through Woodrow Wilson, Staunton, Virginia, McCaw at Walla Walla, Washington, and Madigan, Tacoma, Washington, before stopping off at Letterman.

Being ever conscious of the fact that his education was interrupted, Charles has taken the General Edu-

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To Check on Vets Attending School

A plan to protect veterans from "fly-by-night or gyp-joint" schools was announced this week by the Veterans' Administration. At present over 250,000 veterans are enrolled in schools and training programs throughout the country.

Qualified training officers will make personal monthly checks on the 17,572 veterans in the western area in educational or training status as of March 1, according to the announcement. This area includes California, Arizona and Nevada.

Controls will be exercised over the student and the training officers will determine whether the veteran is pursuing a specified course of training and whether his conduct and progress are satisfactory, said the Veterans' Administration officials.

Remember what Simonides said—that he never repented that he held his tongue, but often that he had spoken.—Plutarch.

Thousand of displaced persons in Europe even now are wearing the tattered rags of their last one or two garments. A Red Cross fund campaign contribution of \$1.50 will provide one warm wool sweater during this emergency.

Ward Wanderings

Seems that pfc Francis Kelley of Ward C-2 is having his troubles. He can't understand why in the big St. Patrick's Day parade in San Francisco, Chinatown was represented. Let's hope he forgets about it soon so that the boys in the ward can get a little rest!!

Paul Culley of C-2 is always after back rubs. Is it that he really has a sore back, or is it the feminine touch that he is after?? We wonder.

Michael Finimore of Ward C-1 has a new interest. No, No, not that! It's photography! He's spending all his days in the dark room.

On Ward N-1, Lieut. Robert Mace constantly abuses the woman's privilege of changing his mind. He insists upon NO COFFEE, but at the end of each meal, asks slyly, "How about some java?" How about that!

Congratulations to Pvt. John McGough of Ward M-1 who received his first promotion in the army this week. He's in traction, so we wonder how he managed it. We want to see that stripe sewn on your blanket, John!

Charles Hames of M-1 won't tell where his beautiful daffodils and irises came from. Says he, "It's a military secret," but we hear they are from his best girl. Redhead, or blonde?

Taking up the printing press these days is John C. Boyles of Ward 20 in the east hospital. Is this pleasure or business, Johnny?

Edward Matsuzaki is a busy lad trying to finish that very elegant purse. If he's not at the OT shop, you'll find him in Ward N-2.

Trying to dodge cameras, but not being very successful are Dominic Cekada and Russell Mallette of C-1. You'll see their pictures soon in one of the local newspapers!

Now that William F. Meyer of C-2 is trying to date the khaki-clad lassies, we presume he is quite recovered from his recent operation.

Ward 12 doesn't seem the same to Lt. Lee Friss whose pal, Lieut. Theodore Rothkop, joined the tribe of well-known civilians.

Paul Senti, who is a tenant of Room 3 in Ward M-1, gets that anxious look around three o'clock each day because he's waiting for the phone to ring—it's his pretty wife on the other end of the line. Down the hall, Leo Kesel is still trying to

RED CROSS VOLUNTEER BERNICE MOCKBEE TELLS ABOUT HER JOB



Mrs. BERNICE MOCKBEE
Drives for Red Cross Motor Corps

Bernice S. Mockbee, volunteer worker with the Red Cross Motor Corps, has first hand knowledge that Red Cross activities are still going full force, even though the war is over. Mrs. Mockbee, who signed up as a Red Cross worker—unpaid—in 1942, was first with the Motor Corps in Tacoma, Washington, and transferred to the San Francisco chapter in January, 1945. She has also worked as a nurse's aide during that time.

Her present activities as driver for the Motor Corps bring her frequently to Letterman. Patients enrolled in schools in San Francisco are taken to and from school by the Red Cross; the organization sends coffee and cakes to Letterman and to Dante Annex for parties for the patients; dependents of hospital patients are taken to Army hospitals to visit their relatives by Red Cross Motor Corps transporta-

tion. figure out what happened—he woke up after his latest operation with a new pin in his knee to match the one he already has in his heel!

Volunteer Red Cross workers are asked to give 250 hours service each year, and last year Mrs. Mockbee worked over 500 hours.

Mrs. Mockbee was born in Oakland, but has lived in Sacramento the greater part of her life. She is the wife of Col. James B. Mockbee, Dental Corps, now serving in Germany with the Seventh Army. They have two daughters, both of whom are employed on this Post. Patricia Mockbee is head of Patients' Payroll at Letterman, and Marilyn Mockbee is in the office of the Quartermaster at the Presidio.

At present Mrs. Mockbee and her daughters are living in San Francisco. They are expecting to welcome Colonel Mockbee home in June, though as yet they have no definite word of when he will arrive.

During her life as the wife of an Army officer, Mrs. Mockbee has made her home on Army posts in Panama, Manila, Fort Niagara, N. Y., Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Fort Lewis, Washington.

She says she finds her Red Cross

WAC

Congratulations to the following girls who won promotions this week. They are all upped to T/4's! Cpl Helen Giessen,, T/4's Dorothy Bennett, Dorothy Dodge, Dorothy Holloway, Mary McGowan, Cindy Slay, and Ruth Willert. Won't it be nice to stand closer to the door when that pay line forms!

M/Sgt. Opal Borders is conspicuous by her absence these days. She's sick in quarters, but we hope to see her back on the job soon.

From Camp Cook this week came T/5 Jimmie Sparlin and Pvt. Ruth MacGregor. Welcome to the post by the Bay!

The supply room is lacking Bobbie Allison's vitality these days, and the reason is that the girl had points! Yes, after counting them up Bobbie took that little ride to Camp Beale for her ticket to the civilian way of life.

T/5 Marjorie Siddament and T/4 Charlotte Braden also left for Camp Beale this week. They will soon take up the duties of being the ever-busy housewife in the roles of Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Fox.

T/5 Myra Byers took the trip to cold Ft. Sheridan, Illinois this week to receive her separation from the service, at which time she may return to her teaching at the Indian Reservation in Arizona.

Southbound this week on furloughs are T/5 Dorothy Miller who will spend her 26 days at Van Nuys, and T/4 Ruth Willert who has 23 free days to see Los Angeles.

T/5 Katherine Hicks is spending her 23-day furlough in Nashville, Tennessee, and T/5 Charlotte Russell is home in Maryville, Missouri for three weeks.

Due to her father's illness, T/5 Mildred Svejker received an emergency furlough this week to rush to her home in Cleveland, Ohio. We hope to see Mildred back soon with glad tidings that her father is recovering nicely.

The Queen of the Whirling Dervish these days is Sgt. Silvia Winer, who makes a weekly trip to the roller skating rink and suffers through the next day from bruises and super-fatigue.

work interesting and varied, and that because of it she realizes more than ever the need for the continued financial support of the public to this vast service organization.

CIVIL CIRCLES

With the Red Cross Drive well on its way and Letterman representatives very much on their toes contacting designated sections, it is reported from the laundry that the 100% goal has been reached.

Taking to the air last week on a flying trip to Seattle, Helen Hoffman manages to get down to earth again at her desk in Occupational Therapy. She is still relating the thrills of a first airplane ride.

Off on a jaunt to Fort Bragg, Alice Deenin finds it a little difficult to settle down to her office routine in the EENT section.

Myrtle Wood, who left Letterman in 1944 to go to Camp Richmond, Virginia, has found her way back here. This time she has donned a white cap and uniform to assist in the Dental Branch.

Resigning from her duties at Central Service, Dolly Carey will devote her time to caring for her sister, who is convalescing from a recent illness. You will be greatly missed, Dolly, and don't forget to take a get-well greeting to your sister!

On the bridle paths leading through the park, Jackie Shafer from the Motor Pool was seen giving riding instructions to six Navy men who had disowned the water for land and horses!

A perfect combination in the Motor Pool are Milton Gentle and Carlos Music, a truly harmonious pair as they go out on calls.

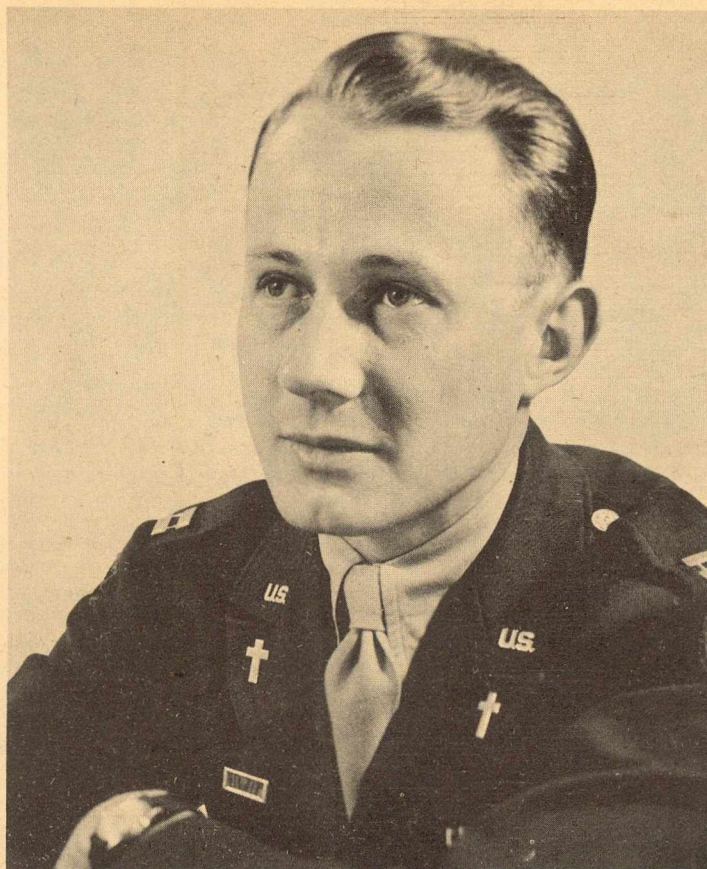
Gertrude "Dolly" Arota is happy over becoming an aunt to a sweet little girl born recently to her sister.

More excitement takes place in the well known Motor Pool, as Florence Cash and La Verne Solari look forward to their transfers to Hickam Field. A pleasant boat trip to you both!!

Marjorie Jones of the Information desk has just returned from a delightful vacation which was spent at beautiful Rio Del Mar. Marjorie's sunburned nose shows what grand weather she encountered while there hiking, swimming and loafing. She admits "there's only one thing wrong with a vacation, and that's coming back!"

Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not only a present evil, but that you have increased a habit.—Epictetus.

LETTERMAN WELCOMES CHAPLAIN BENNER AND HIS CLARINET



HERMAN N. BENNER
Chaplain (Captain) U. S. Army

A hearty welcome awaited Chaplain Herman N. Benner last week when he arrived to join the chaplains here at Letterman, and already his cheerful smile and sense of humor are making friends for him around the hospital.

He is a native of Massachusetts, and was formerly pastor of the Oak Lawn Baptist Church at Providence, Rhode Island. He has been in the Army since June, 1944, but apparently he didn't find it possible to leave his entire congregation behind, because he returned last September and married one of its members. Now he and his wife Helen are living here in San Francisco (Adv.—Apartment Wanted).

Chaplain Benner attended Chaplain's School at Harvard University, and upon completion of the course was assigned to duty at Camp Maxey, Texas, with the 394th Regiment of the 99th Infantry Division.

He went overseas in September, 1944, was in England for a time, and was with the first tropes that landed

at LeHavre. He was in the Battle of the Bulge, and during that battle he saw a fellow chaplain, Edwin Hampton, a friend with whom he had gone through chaplain's school, killed in action.

Later Chaplain Benner was for a time in Salzburg with the Third Division. He was hospitalized in Paris and also here in the States, at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina. After his recovery he was sent to Camp Oglethorpe, Ga., for reassignment. He came to Letterman after a brief tour of duty at Fort Douglas.

He says his main hobby is skiing, but that he also enjoys tennis and golf, and occasionally "loses friends and fails to influence people" by playing the clarinet.

Mother: "I hope that your room mate is a nice boy, Robert."

Robert: "Judge for yourself, mom. The other night he barked his shins on a chair in the dark, and I heard him say "Oh, the perversity of inanimate objects!"

DANTE ANTICS

Have you noticed Marian Haskel's varied head regalia? Now she's out to get herself a sailor's hat. Sooo—sailor beware!!!

Corinne Boyette was worried about getting home (even though her husband Bob was with her) after seeing the movie, "The Brighton Strangler" last Tuesday night.

Just any day now we will welcome back Pearl Robillard, who has been absent for several months because of illness.

Congratulations to T/5 Dorothy Dodge, Ward 202 and T/5 Mary McGowan, Ward 203, on their promotions to T/4. These two girls were among the first WAC's to work at Dante Annex and they really deserve that promotion.

Lt. Robert F. Tentschert, Detachment of Patients, is on a short but well earned leave.

We welcome Capt. Max Krakauer to the Executive staff of Dante Annex. Capt. Krakauer was the former Assistant Commanding Officer of the 1972 SCU, Medical Detachment, at Letterman.

Herman and Morris Reiss, Dante's identical twins, of Ward 303, visit the roof garden as often as the sun shines in San Francisco.

Hank Anaya, better known as "The Lover," and one of the Dante Tigers' ace basketballers, certainly has a way with the fairer sex. His fan mail, daily, exceeds the number of buttons on a sailor's bell bottom trousers.

Patients Garzini, Nichols, Temple, and Simpson had a big time on the Presidio Pitch and Putt course last Friday. Subtracting one stroke a day they figure it will take them three weeks to shoot a par game.

Cpl. Allen Short was seen celebrating his discharge at Robert's at the Beach, with Sgt. Howard Dunfield and his wife.

Mrs. Hallahan, ARC head recreation worker, is enjoying a leave with Lt. Jack Hallahan, her husband, who recently returned from overseas. Everyone misses her pleasant smile about the hospital.

The very nice WAC Officer working in the Detachment of Patients Office is Lieutenant Lassetter.

Among the lucky ones to be discharged during the past week were 1st Lieutenants Claire Fearn, Merle Mobley, Betty Poulson, and Lou J. Weschler, ANC.

Dante Tigers Take Basketball Title

By "Chuck" Adams

The Dante Tigers came through the hard way to capture the Presidio Basketball Title from the 11th Car Company by a score of 18-14.

In a Double-Elimination Tournament the Tigers came through with five wins and one loss. A handsome gold loving cup trophy was presented to Player-Coach Marino by Lt. Col. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., immediately after the game.

On the previous night the Tigers had defeated the Car Company by a score of 28-21, in a nip and tuck battle all the way.

In the final game the Car Company was the first team to put a ball through the hoop, but the lead was short lived as the Tigers put through two quick baskets to take the lead which they kept throughout the rest of the game. The score at the half was 8-5, and the final score was 18-14.

Players on the victorious team included: Armand Marino, Hank Anaya, George Leslie, Eugene Sherman, Millington Gray, Coye O'Neill, Marcus Hansen, Alfred Uddenberg, Geo. Lennis, and Floyd Blevins.

The teams who played in the tournament were: Dante Annex, 11th Car Company (6th Army), 1927 SCU, 1960 Hospital Train Unit, and the MP's.

MORE ABOUT ON SPOT

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cation Test, and has applied for his diploma in hopes that he is qualified to receive it and thus not be hindered when applying for some job in the future.

Although his home is in Everett, Washington, "God's country!" (says he!), Charles is satisfied to remain at Letterman until he's in shape to receive that discharge paper and go back to his family to stay.

That daily trek to the OT shop keeps his mind occupied so that his hospital days pass quickly. Just as soon as his arm is sufficiently healed, Charles has big plans for making his hobby into something worthwhile by creating model airplanes that will outshine those of the airways today. The saying is that if you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door. Sooo, we'll be seeing you, Charles!



Lt. Col. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., assistant executive officer, presents trophy won by Dante Tigers to Player-Coach Armand Marino.

June is the month of weddings and cooing. The billing follows.

Girl: "Stop that soldier! He tried to kiss me."

MP: "Forget it, sister. There'll be another one along in a minute."

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "can you tell me what a hypocrite is?"

"Yes, miss," said Johnny, "it's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face."

Strangely enough, the original discoverer of the Golden Gate was not a sailor but a soldier. The Spanish navigators Vizcaino and Cabrillo, exploring America's West Coast, missed the narrow entrance to San Francisco Bay, and so did England's Sir Francis Drake. It was not until 1769 that a land expedition led by Don Gaspar de Portola discovered San Francisco Bay.

All things are in common among friends.—Plato.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Why, yes! As a matter of fact I *am* rather busy!"

RECONDITIONING says

1. The American Legion Auxiliary of California has offered to "provide correspondence courses WITHOUT cost to servicemen and women, enlisted or officer, recuperating WITHIN the State." This is a wonderful opportunity. Get complete information by contacting Reconditioning, Bldg. 1039, Extension 4403.
2. Letterman General Hospital is the only hospital offering conversational French a la glamor. Mme. Raymonde, tres chic and attractive, will 'parlez-vous' Monday and Thursday evenings at 1900 for ambulatory boys, and ward patients get her at 2000 . . . Oh Brother!
3. All testing services (GED tests for high school diplomas or college credit) are available to detachment personnel as well as patients.
4. Oh, so very exclusive printing classes will be formed in groups of 5, meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1000 and 1300. Take your pick, boys, but don't delay! Ward patients may get in on this fun too. How? Contact Reconditioning.
5. A Tuesday feature will be shorthand for ward and other patients. If you want it—Come and get it!
6. Plans are being made to supply you brainy fellows with evening instruction in Algebra, Trig. and higher branches of mathematics. Send your names and desires to 1039. It's up to you.
7. A message or telephone call will bring you interesting details regarding Industrial Electricity.
8. Want more? THEN KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS SPACE!

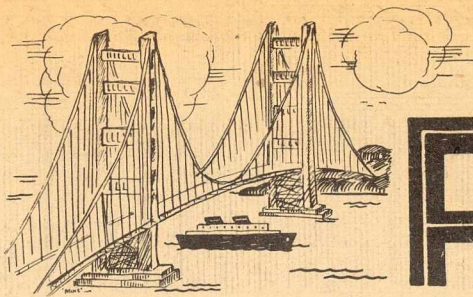
The old man neglected to assist his wife into the street car. "John," she said, "you're not so gallant as when you were a boy."

"No, and you're not so buoyant as when you were a gal."

"My brother has a gold medal for running five miles, and one for 10 miles; a silver medal for swimming; two cups for wrestling, and badges for boxing and rowing."

"He must be a wonderful athlete."

"He's no athlete. He runs a pawnshop."



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Medical Corps Officers to Get Graduate Training

An important forward step in the establishment of professional graduate training for Army doctors has been taken with the enactment of the new Army Regulation 350-1010, which authorizes the establishment of an organized program of graduate education for "the elevation of the general level of professional qualifications of all Medical Corps officers."

Medical Corps officers selected for training in medical surgical specialties by The Surgeon General's Professional Training Committee will be assigned to a Medical Department installation approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals and by the appropriate American specialty board for training in the particular specialty, according to the regulation. The minimum duration and scope covered by the training will be such as to meet the certification requirements of the specialty board concerned.

Upon approval of The Surgeon General, specialty training may be supplemented by service school instruction or a civilian teaching institution, but the time employed in such training may not exceed one-third of the total training period. Officers desiring supplemental training must submit an application to The Surgeon General indorsed by their commanding officer, and must include reasons for the recommendation of such training in that application.

Postgraduate training in medical and surgical subspecialties and preventive medicine will be offered at Medical Department service schools, installations, or at civilian teaching institutions. Application for these courses must also be indorsed by the commanding officer and sub-



Master Sgt. ERICH P. MATTHEWS who is back at Letterman, this time in the Provost Marshal's office. Sergeant Matthews is about to celebrate an anniversary—he joined the Army April 1, 1932, and next Monday will complete 14 years of service. For seven years of that time he was at Letterman. He left in August, 1941, and was in Alaska, and in the Sixth and Seventh Service Commands during the war years. He re-enlisted in November, 1945. He says he's glad to be back on duty at Letterman.

mitted to The Surgeon General with a statement of the applicant's qualifications.

An education committee will be organized at each medical installation caring for sick and injured, which will be responsible for the organization, supervision and coordination of the medical educational program. The commander of the installation will serve as chairman of the committee, which is to be composed of qualified members of the professional staff and authorized civilian consultants. This committee is also responsible for the over-all organization and supervision of the program, and is to

maintain such records as are necessary to indicate the progress of each medical officer entering the training. Assurance of a well-rounded training program and the establishment of a basis for the evaluation of each individual's professional development is also a part of the committee's duties.

Each quarterly period, a report on each medical officer will be submitted by chiefs of services through channels to The Surgeon General. These reports, in addition to indicating the proficiency of the officers, will include any pertinent remarks concerning his progress and special training problems.

Personnel Asked To Volunteer As Blood Donors

A blood bank will be established at Letterman General Hospital, effective April 1, it was announced this week, and personnel of the Medical Detachment, the Women's Army Corps, and civilian employees of the hospital are urged to volunteer as blood donors.

Donors will be paid \$10 a pint for their blood, according to Lt. Houghton Gifford of the Laboratory Branch. Those who wish to qualify as donors may contact the Blood Bank, which is located in a room in Central Service in the main hospital, or phone Lieutenant Gifford, extension 4439.

The Chief of Laboratory Service will be responsible for the enrollment of donors and the storing, typing and cross-matching of blood. Kahn tests will be made on donors every three months, and Kahns will be run on all blood stored in the bank.

The fitness of donors will be determined by an officer appointed by the Chief of Surgical Service, and the Chiefs of the Medical and Surgical Services will be responsible for the proper administration of transfusions on their respective services.

Did you enjoy "The Burma Surgeon" by Gordon Seagrave? Maybe you saw the movie, too. If so, you'll want to read the sequel, "Burma Surgeon Returns," the new book which tells what happened to the surgeon and his hospital unit after the retreat with Stilwell. In the library.

San Francisco's Opera House was the first municipal opera house to be built in the United States. Each Fall the city brings west for its citizens and guests the same operatic stars that are presented by the Metropolitan Opera.

New Hobby Shop at Main PX is Popular with Patients

It's only been open three weeks, but the Hobby Shop in the Main PX at Letterman is already one of the most popular spots on the Post. And with reason, because according to Maj. C. E. Rumsey, Exchange Officer, it's one of the most complete in the United States.

"Our customers have been waiting and wishing for gasoline motors to use in their model planes, boats, and midget racing autos," said Major Rumsey. "Last week only 100 were received in San Francisco. Our Hobby Shop now has 60 of them."

But they won't have them long, because the demand is brisk, and Dorothea Fassett, who is in charge of selling the myriad items stocked by the shop, has a waiting list for them.

The motors hold about a jigger of fuel, and will run for two or three minutes. Some of the patients make their own fuel, says Capt. T. R. Westfall, who uses one part of SAE 70 motor oil to three parts of white gasoline. Or aviation gas can be used if the octane rating is not more than 90.

Among the shoppers on hand the day the new motors arrived this week were Sgt. Jerry Fell of Santa Maria, California, and Cpl. Hward Bott of Gering, Nebraska. They are known as the firm of Bott & Fell, Inc.—business, aircraft, and they insist on that "Inc." Lt. Raymond Holmes of Lancaster, California, was also there to inspect the motors, as well as Pvt. John Fisher of New York City, and Pfc. Harold Gates of Missoula, Mont. T/5 Armando Novelo of Redding, California, was right up there at the center, but said he wasn't making anything now, he was just a kibitzer.

Although motors are the talk of the week in the shop—four different types are carried in stock—they're just one of the items that are popular with the hospital patients and staff, according to Miss Fassett. Besides materials for semi-made model metal or plastic planes, the shop also carries balsa wood for those who want to design their own models.

Materials for making model railroad box cars and switch engines are on sale. Parts for constructing racing autos are available. A model ship is on display in the shop, made from materials purchased there.

When you look at the miniatures in the shipfitter's case, you wonder how adult fingers can handle such tiny objects and get them put together so neatly. The case isn't



NEED ANYTHING FOR YOUR HOBBY?

Behind the counter in the Hobby Shop at the Main PX at Letterman are, L to R: Dorothea Fassett, who is on all-day duty there, and Lt. E. J. Hayden, assistant Exchange officer, and Maj. C. E. Rumsey, Exchange officer, who stopped by to look over some new stock. Those on the customers side include Cpl. Howard Bott, Sgt. Jerry Fell, Lt. Raymond Holmes, Pfc. Harold Gates, T/5 Armando Novelo, and Pvt. John Fisher.

much larger than a chess board, but has about 30 small compartments, which contain charm-sized anchors, winches, ladders, and so on down the list of shipfittings.

Electrical tools, carving tools, leathercraft tools are stocked. The power tools include drill, saw and polisher sets.

Aircraft and leathercraft are most popular with the customers, according to Miss Fassett. You can buy a kit for making a leather wallet, or get a half hide and make a variety of kinds of leather goods—a handbag, cigarette case, key case and wallet.

Those who make novelty jewelry can buy earring backs and pin backs on which to mount it. If the demand is large enough, the Hobby Shop will stock parts for those who want to build their own radios. It is planned also to carry plastics in the near future.

"We've already had customers from as far away as Mather Field and Camp Roberts," said Miss Fas-

sett, who is particularly interested in and well-fitted for her work in the shop. She recently received her discharge from the Women's Army Corps, and as S/Sgt Fassett, she was the first WAC in the Letterman Occupational Therapy Shop. She came to that assignment with a background of 12 years' civilian training for the work, as knitting and art-needlework instructor at the City of Paris department store in San Francisco. While in the OT Shop here at Letterman she taught leatherwork, knitting and weaving.

Al Farnocchia, Exchange manager, who does all the buying for the Hobby Shop, points out that it was established to supplement OT supplies, since there were not enough funds to purchase materials to take care of the demand. Mrs. Alice Thompson, floor manager of the PX refers to the Hobby Shop as Al's "baby," and says he is always on the lookout for new items to stock.

Lt. E. J. Hayden, assistant Exchange officer, also a Hobby Shop

enthusiast, looks around these days at the busy shop and keeps an eye out for more space to devote to it.

Anyway, the Hobby Shop stock adds up to fun, and that applies both to buying the material and to making something of it. Try it some time.

She: "Whenever I'm in the dumps I get a new hat."

He: "I was wondering where you got them."

Drunk (stopping street car): "Say—this car go to 40th Street?"

Conductor: "Yes, it does."

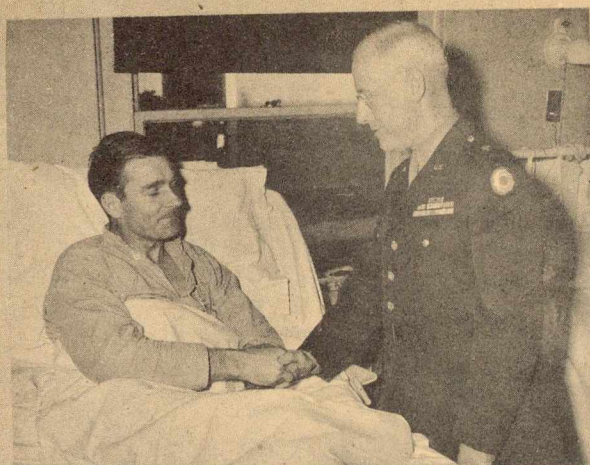
Drunk, "Well, g'bye an' God bless you!"

The sergeant had just given his wife a lovely skunk coat as a gift.

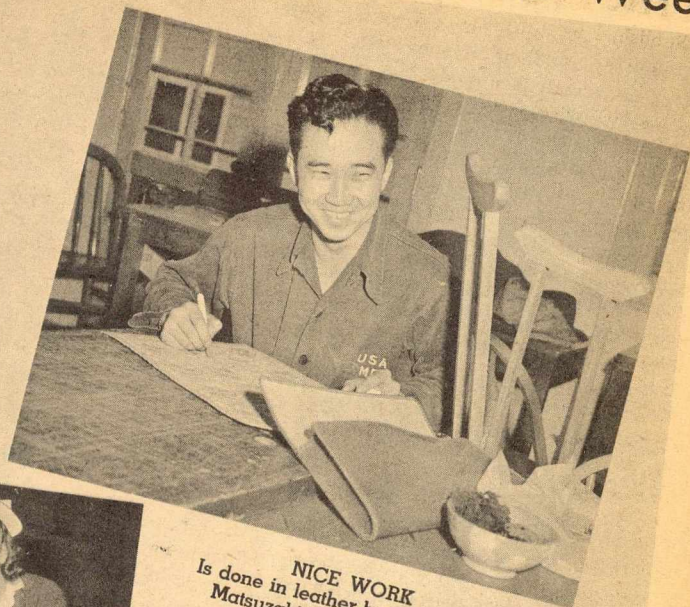
"I can't understand," his wife said, "how such a nice coat could come from such a smelly beast."

Hopelessly, the sergeant replied, "I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I do think you ought to give me some respect."

What The Cameraman Caught on His Rounds This Week



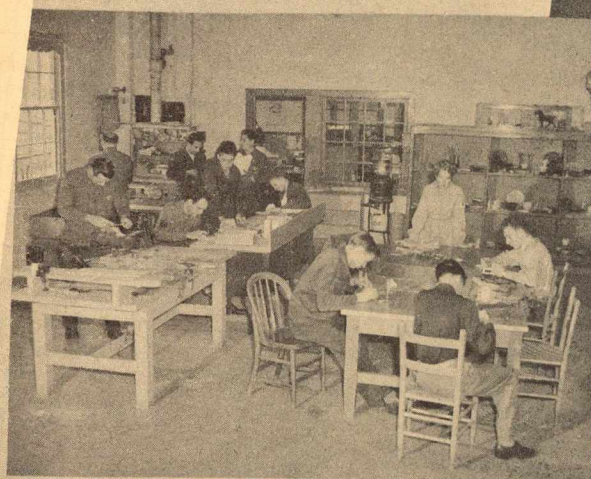
THE PURPLE HEART
And the congratulations of the
Commanding General go to Pfc.
Gust Arnold.



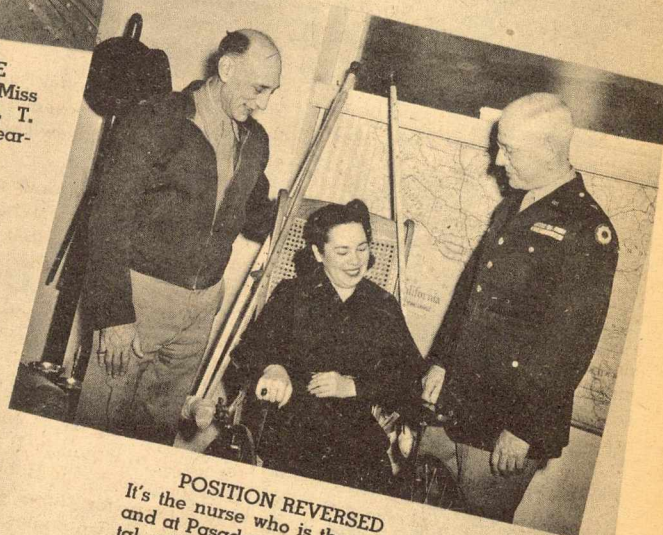
NICE WORK
Is done in leather by Sgt. Edward
Matsuzaki in the O. T. Shops.



MODEL AIRPLANE
Making supervised by Miss
Elizabeth Cooper, O. T.
Aide, while Darrell Pear-
son does the work.



BUSY BEES
Keep this room humming with ac-
tivity in connection with the re-
conditioning program.



POSITION REVERSED
It's the nurse who is the patient-
and at Pasadena Regional Hospi-
tal, where the commanding offi-
cer, Col. Carl Mitchell (left) and
General Hillman play the roles of
visitors.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HUHH OR EEEEE

The greatest statesman who ever lived had no name. His wife (or rather, his woman, for they were not married) probably called him either Huhh or Eeeee, depending on whether she was a grunter or a squealer.

It will never be known how or when he got the Great Idea, the most revolutionary political conception ever to enter the mind of a man. Of course he couldn't talk, since he had no words to talk with. If he had been able to express it verbally, it would have gone something like this:

"Now that my son is big and strong, the time has come for us to fight each other, and for one of us either to kill the other or drive him out of this cave and keep him out. It has always been that way. But that guy in the cave on the other side of the mountain is bigger and stronger than either of us, and sooner or later he will get the one that stays here. But what if Junior and I don't fight? What if we both stay here and stick together? Then we're safe, from that guy or any other guy. This is a good idea. I'm going to do my best to explain it to Junior."

That fantastic idea, born in the brain of the greatest statesman that ever lived, known as Huhh or Eeeee, has gone far in the centuries that have passed. It now dominates, for instance, the political structure under which 140 million Americans go about the business of living. It seems destined inevitably to

THE OBSERVER SAW

A brightly polished rolling pin on the desk of Mrs. Mary McFadden, the new Public Relations assistant.

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Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, Chief of the Outpatient Clinic, suggesting if you have not been vaccinated within the past three years—do it now.

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A letter from Lieut. Barbara Hartman, ANC., former Director of Cadet Nurses, now in Tokyo and sending greetings to the ole gang here.

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Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Hopp around to make his PPC calls on the old-timers as he leaves for civil life. The silver leaves are new.

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Chaplain Albert F. Click celebrating the sixth anniversary of his entry on extended active duty by receiving orders to report to a separation center.

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A few of the younger dietitians trying to revive the ancient custom of appearing at the mess for breakfast. Tsk Tsk.

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Colonel Oscar T. Kirksey, old time Regular, looking around for some of his friends.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, April 6, and on Saturday, April 20 at 9 p.m.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.

Junior hostesses will welcome you.

continue its progress to the logical conclusion of a world government with world law to preserve the peace. For the statesman got the idea not only as a means of protection from the guy on the other side of the mountain, but also as a means of protecting himself from Junior.

How about a statue to Huhh or Eeeee?

—Rex Stout.



Amid great activity of the hustle and bustle of movers, etc., the whole nursing personnel office has been transplanted on the second floor of the Administration Building. One of the things of the past is the Control Office, which is no more.

From 30 to 40 nurses left this week for their various points of separation. Many new nurses are expected to arrive momentarily to be assigned to permanent duty here, which will continue the constant cry of "I'm new here!"

Lieut. Marion LaChance is leaving for her home in Rhode Island on sick leave this month for one month's convalescing period. We hope to see her back after her leave with her old pep and vitality.

The culinary arts of Lieutenants Rebecca Amend, Rebecca Chamberlain, and Marian LaChance have us wondering . . . rolling dough at odd hours of the night!

Three Receive Awards Here

Three awards were presented to military personnel this week by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman. Brig. Gen. Philip G. Bruton, Corps of Engineers, received an Oak Leaf cluster for the Legion of Merit; Lt. Col. John J. Loutzenheiser, Medical Corps, was decorated with the Legion of Merit, and Lt. Richard Snider, Infantry, received the Bronze Star award.

General Bruton's award was given for outstanding service as Division engineer of the Pacific Division from April to September 1945.

Colonel Loutzenheiser received his award "for having materially contributed to the high standards of orthopedic treatment provided patients in hospitals within the Ninth Service Command from January 1944 to November 1945." During that time he was Orthopedic Consultant, Office of the Surgeon, NSC.

Lieutenant Snider, who was with the 88th Infantry Division, received the bronze star for heroic action in Italy on March 9, 1944. Here to witness the award ceremony were his mother, Mrs. Horace Snider, of Buffalo, Wyo., and his cousins, Maj. and Mrs. C. U. Snider of San Fran-

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, March 31, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Lenten Services:

Mass daily at 0600 and 0800.

Wednesdays—Rosary and Benediction at 1500.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 1500.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Last Rites for Alvin H. Seger

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, for T/4 Alvin H. Seger, who died at Letterman Monday after a brief illness. He had been in the Army 27 years, was a veteran of World War I, and wore many decorations earned in that conflict.

Corporal Seger was well-known and liked here, having been stationed at Letterman since 1933. For a number of years he was main carpenter, and was later assigned to ward duty. Recently he re-enlisted, and it was shortly after his return from his re-enlistment furlough that he became ill.

He is survived by his parents and two sisters, all of Shamokin, Pa.

Each chapter in San Francisco's storybook past added something to the city's flavor. Here lingers the gracious courtliness of Spanish Dons, the rough and ready humor of the Forty-Niners, the expansive hospitality of the Bonanza Kings.

If we had to describe San Francisco with a word, that word would be "tolerant." Here is a spirit of live-and-let-live that the world might study with profit. That is why people of all nationalities live harmoniously together on these hills, why there are many foreign colonies but no "foreigners."

Perhaps this is also why travelers from everywhere instinctively feel at home in San Francisco.

cisco. His wife and young son, Michael, who are now in Los Angeles, were unable to be present.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY E. CHAMBERLAIN
Technical Sergeant

After cautiously opening the door of the Inner Sanctum this week, I lured Mary Chamberlain out of the Orderly Room into the bright sunshine where she revealed her past to all WAC column readers.

The most surprising fact about Mary's Army career is that she has reached her important position in the WAC Detachment within 10 months after arriving at Letterman, and just 13 months after becoming one of "Uncle Sam's girls." Another revelation is that Mary had her heart set on becoming a hospital technician, but after delving into her business background, the Army decided that she would not "change horses in the middle of the stream," so she still is a "white collar worker."

Although born in Rawlins, Wyoming, Mary considers herself a Californian, after residing around Los Angeles (Temple City and Alhambra to those who know Southern Cal.) for the past 14 years. Her unlimited business background includes being a bookkeeper for Lights, Inc., in Alhambra, while weekends were spent as a real estate agent. (That's quite an accomplishment, if you can do it!) Also, in her past we find her an office manager for Firestone Stores there, and clerk in the finance office at the Boston Port of Embarkation, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mary was an Oglethorpe basic trainee, and attended six weeks of medical clerk school before coming to Letterman. Upon her arrival she was assigned to the Personnel Division where she accumulated her knowledge of service records, etc., and in May was assigned as company clerk in the Orderly Room, where she is now Chief Clerk.

She finds her pleasure in dancing,

LIMITED SUPPLY OF STREPTOMYCIN NOW AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIAN USE

The Army Medical Department, which has received many requests for supplies of streptomycin to be used in treating civilian cases, has announced that all civilian inquiries and requests for this drug are to be sent to Dr. Chester S. Keefer, Evans Memorial Hospital, 65 East Newton, Boston, Massachusetts. Telephone Kenmore 9200.

Dr. Keefer is Chairman of the Committee on Chemotherapeutic and Other Agents of the Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, and has been authorized to handle civilian requests, providing they are submitted by a physician giving sufficient technical information to enable him to decide whether streptomycin is indicated in the treatment of the case.

Distribution of limited supplies of streptomycin to civilians through the Committee on Chemotherapeutic and Other Agents of the Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, has been provided for in the allocation program recently established by the Civilian Production Administration. Other agencies receiving allotments of the scarce drug include the Army, Navy, Veterans Administration, and the United States Public Health Service.

Although there has been a general misconception that the Army controls the total streptomycin supply, actually an approximate thirty per cent will be allotted to the Army from the production for the month of March. The bulk of the limited supply received by the Army has been employed in treating urinary tract infections associated with spinal cord injuries, and a few serious infections which have proved resistant to penicillin. At no time has the allotment been adequate to permit any extensive research, such as experimental work in the treating of tuberculosis. In order that Dr. Keefer may obtain an adequate supply for civilian appeals, the Army, has voluntarily agreed to a delay in its March delivery of streptomycin from producers.

semi-classical music, bowling, playing badminton, cooking, and playing the piano. The latter she claims is done only when she is alone!

Her grandfather affectionately described her as a "Duke's mixture." With her very blue eyes, dark brown hair, keen sense of humor, intelligent air, and poised manner, no other description could be more accurate.

Grants-in-aid of approximately \$500,000 for the clinical study of streptomycin, contributed in equal shares to the National Research Council by eleven pharmaceutical manufacturers, has already been announced by the Chemical Division of the Civilian Production Administration. The participating firms constitute the Streptomycin Producers Advisory Committee of the CPA.

Dr. Keefer, who headed the clinical investigation of penicillin, will be in charge of the similar program on streptomycin and will submit recommendations, together with a report on the results. The CPA has announced that there will be no commercial distribution of streptomycin at this time, nor will the producers supply the drug directly for civilian requests. Physicians have been asked not to submit request for streptomycin if the cases are susceptible to the action of the sul-

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Former Enlisted WACs May Re-Enter Service This Way

Former enlisted women of the WAC who have been honorably discharged from the service may volunteer for re-entry, and will be accepted in the grade held at time of discharge if they meet the necessary requirements.

They must volunteer either for the duration of the war plus six months or until September 30, 1946, unless sooner relieved for the convenience of the government. They must meet standards of enlistment in effect in August, 1945, except that they may have attained their 38th but not their 50th birthday.

This plan is designed to provide for re-entry into the service of skilled women who are needed by the Army to supplement the WAC volunteer program now under way to meet the critical shortage of skilled personnel in installations such as separation centers and hospitals. It is in no way connected with enlistments in the Regular Army. Volunteers must possess a skill usable by the War Department or a major continental force.

Applicants should submit applications to the Army recruiting officer, who will verify statements and indorse the application to the Adjutant General.

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE P. ACKERMAN
Private First Class

Becoming a chess player is quite a feat, but not being content with that, George P. Ackerman of Ward K-1 carves out chess players to pass his hospital hours.

After driving a truck for the Continental Baking Company of Berkeley, and doing various jobs in the bakery, George went into accounting. Finding that interesting, but preferring variety, he became a radio salesman. And, after all this knowledge in these various kinds of occupations, he decided the Army would be something entirely different. He wasn't disappointed, it was!

In March 1942, George enlisted in the Regular Army, taking his basic at Camp Callan, San Diego. For three years he was in the Coast Artillery, but while stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he transferred to the Field Artillery, 1st and 2nd Battalions. It was during maneuvers that a jet-propelled artillery shell exploded, killing two of the six man crew and putting the remaining four in the hospital. Now George is the last of that crew hospitalized, and is celebrating his first anniversary in an Army hospital.

Like many of our patients here, George has a couple of hospitals to his credit. Beginning with a station hospital at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he was transferred to William Beaumont at El Paso, Texas, and Hammond at Modesto, California, before signing in at Letterman on November 10 of last year.

Besides finding chess a fascinating pastime, George gets around the country by reading travel books, and various other non-fiction material.

Here's to the future, George, for we know the present is just a matter of putting in those healing hours!

Ward Wanderings

Robert Miller of C-2 is playing sheik these days. When his ward-mates asked Bob how he manages to have sooo many women visitors, he replied: "Sorry, Buddy, I learned the hard way. That's what you'll have to do!" Helpful, hmmm?

On K-2 a most unusual pastime was discovered. Robert Denny puts hours into making a new wardrobe for his kid sister, and it's all nylon material! Lucky sister! After buying the pattern, he changes the style into something more suitable for her. Dresses are only one of the many items on his designing list! A future Rene, perhaps??

Success has come to ward 8 in the form of William A. Nelson. While in Italy with the 5th Army, Bill wrote some lyrics. Recently he received the published song which is entitled "I Thought I Saw an Angel." It's a popular love ballad, and the music was written by a Navy man. Following the trend of all successful people, Bill isn't quite satisfied with his work, and is constantly going over the words to improve them.

On the "mad fisherman's ward," ward 41, Edward Neel has been tying wet flies. Ed, who will soon be discharged (he hopes!), is planing on spending some weeks just fishing as soon as he gets back to those lakes in Indiana. To date he has completed 75 flies.

On ward C-2, Donald Leissner, flat in bed with a body cast, claims, "If I wanted to sit up, it would take a 10-ton crane to lift me." But when these cute girls go by, he's the first one to sit up and take notice, and no crane is used!!

Technicians of ward E-1 are constantly dodging the line of the firing squad. Six water pistols have been smuggled into the ward, and the bed patients amuse themselves by surprising the WACs with a sudden spray of water as they pass. What will they think of next?

John A. Melin of ward E-1 claims that he is the only good MP in captivity . . . because "I'm tied down!" He states that new medals have been made for the MP's, "the unsung heroes of the war" . . . out of bottle caps.

Francis Rohr of ward 2 was in a huddle with "the Professor of ward E-1, Clement W. Meighan, doing crossword puzzles. Evidently they agree that "two heads are better than one."

SHE WROTE A LETTER EVERY DAY WHILE HE WAS AWAY—TOTAL, 1100



Mrs. STELLA JACKSON
Secretary, Photographic Laboratory.

When you think enough of your husband to write him 1100 letters (yes, that's right, 1100) while he's in service overseas, a little thing like humoring him to the extent of not wearing lipstick is nothing. That's how it is with Stella Jackson of the photo lab at Letterman.

If you have any dealings with the photo lab, of course you know Stella, either by sight or by her cheerful voice over the telephone. And you know that you can always count on her to be cooperative.

She has been a government employee for more than five years. She first worked at Fort Mason, starting on her job in October, 1940, then for a time she was with the California Quartermaster Depot in Oakland. Commuting was too much for her, so in 1942 she transferred to the Presidio, where she worked in the photo lab. When Letterman's photo lab opened in January, 1945, she came here as secretary. Her work also includes taking medical dictation from Lt. Col. Harold L. Stewart, Chief of the Laboratory Branch, and Lt. James H. Mitchell, Photographic Officer.

"I'm especially happy in my work at Letterman," Stella says, "because I wanted to be a nurse, and since I'm

not, my job here at the hospital is the next best thing."

Stella is strictly for the Army—her husband, Edd, was a Lieutenant in the Adjutant General's department, and her brother and brother-in-law are both Army officers. After her husband's return from overseas, he was a patient at Letterman for a time before returning to civilian life.

She is an outdoor enthusiast, and is fond of swimming, hiking and motorcycling. Probably the reason she likes motorcycling is because of its romantic associations. She and Edd eloped from San Francisco to Boulder Creek, where they were married at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Stella has a picture of the trio taken on her wedding day—Mr. and Mrs. Edd Jackson and Sally the motorcycle.

Being a native Californian, she likes to raise flowers, especially roses. She wants an aviary of singing birds. Just now the Jacksons are building up a record collection which will include music by Friml, Romberg, Strauss, Victor Herbert, and Stephen Foster.

Stella says her ambition is to have a country home with roses 'round the door and Edd Jr., playing on the floor.

The Stork Was Here

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Arthur W. Ries, a son, **Arthur William II**, weight 7 pounds and 6¼ ounces, born 18 March.

To Major and Mrs. Ferdinand M. Thierot, a son, **Nion Robert**, weight 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born 19 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. Milo F. Kent, a son, **Robert William**, weight 7 pounds, 10¼ ounces, born 19 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John T. Pawson, a son, **Gjon**, weight 8 pounds 1 ounce, born 19 March.

To Col. and Mrs. Robert R. Stewart, a daughter, **Elizabeth Jane**, weight 8 pounds, 4¾ ounces, born 20 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Michael Haddock, a son, **Joseph Michael**, weight 7 pounds 5½ ounces, born 22 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. David Phelan, a daughter, **Kathleen**, weight 7 pounds, 5½ ounces, born 22 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. George Alber, a son, **Steven Colt**, weight 6 pounds 15 ounces, born 22 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Frank W. Mahoney, a daughter, **Carolyn Marie**, weight 8 pounds 11¼ ounces, born 23 March.

To Major and Mrs. Leland F. Wilcox, a son, **Donald Alan**, weight 9 pounds, 12 ounces, born 23 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edwin L. Casady, a son, **James Franklin**, weight 9 pounds 2 ounces, born 24 March.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. William G. Schmiedeke Jr., a daughter, **Joan Marie**, weight 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born 24 March.

MORE ABOUT STREPTOMYCIN

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fonamides, penicillin and other therapeutic agents.

The production of streptomycin, which was approximately 3,000 grams last September, is expected to increase to nearly 27,000 grams by March. A companion drug to penicillin, streptomycin is produced in a similar manner, by fermentation and chemical extraction, and, like penicillin, requires carefully controlled conditions of temperature, air, and sterility. It is expected to prove a valuable supplement in cases where infections do not respond to penicillin treatment, but studies have not yet advanced to the point where the methods of administration or the amendable diseases are definitely known.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Leaving Monday and heading for the wide open spaces, with destination Mexico, Ellen Bauer, hygienist, and Vivian Wreden of the Dental Branch are looking forward to an extended motor trip. They will return around the first of May.

Welcoming new members to Letterman we find Helen Marie Halvorson, who transferred from Camp Roberts, and "Zeb" Malignaggi from San Mateo, taking on their duties in the Radiological Branch. From Camp Adair, Oregon, hails Margaret Schopenhurst, raising to three the total of blondes in Civilian Personnel Branch.

Mary Benson of the Personnel Division does as well on one foot as two. Although being handicapped the past two weeks with a badly sprained ankle, she covers just as much space in the same length of time in her daily office routine.

From his solitude, or haven, Warren Conlin of Employee Relations Section has moved from his office to a new location near the East Hospital.

Margaret Hickey, civilian nurse on Ward P, is the proud possessor of a pair of white nylon stockings.

Minus their bobby socks, "Dotty" Lucerine and Helen Smith found their way down to the performance of Frankie Sinatra and were quite elated over the many selections he sang.

There is bound to be a representative from the Laboratory Branch displaying her ability on ice skates in the next Ice Follies show. Down to the Winterland Rink each week treks Betty Bishop, Bernice Riney, La Verne Leake, John Schutz, and Kay Moo, and a merry group are they!

Our get-well wishes are extended to Donald Wagner from Animal House, convalescing after the misfortune of an automobile accident which occurred last weekend.

A little previous with the new Easter bonnet, "Ace" Guth delights in modeling her chapeau trimmed with pink flowers.

If you hear any rumor of Monday being a holiday, don't you believe it! It's All Fool's Day—so don't forget it.

At the conclusion of the nature lecture the teacher turned to her pupils. "Now don't you think it's wonderful how the little chickens get out of their shells?"

"What beats me," piped the little girl, "is how they get in."

CAPTAIN GREEN WELL QUALIFIED AS CO OF MEDICAL DETACHMENT



Capt. LLOYD G. GREEN
Welcomed back to Letterman.

The man behind the men of the Medical Detachment, SCU 1972, is Capt. Lloyd G. Green, who knows well the problems of an enlisted man's life. From 1934 until 1941, Captain Green was an enlisted man in the regular Army, part of that time being spent here at Letterman. Could anyone better qualify for his present position?

During his enlisted Army career, Captain Green spent two years in Panama in the Medical Branch, was transferred to Letterman where he was wardmaster on A-1, was duty NCO in the storeroom of the Mess Department, and was transferred to Stockton Field before he received his discharge as a staff sergeant.

Returning to active duty as a 2nd lieutenant, Captain Green was a "jack of all trades" in the 300 bed hospital at Paine Field, Everett, Washington, where he was stationed until September 1944. He saw duty as Company Commander in the Medical Training Company at Fort Lewis, Washington, and Commanding Officer of the Medical Detachment of the 303rd General Hospital at Camp

Shelby, Mississippi. In June of last year, he went overseas with his trained medical unit and served in Tinian until November.

Besides being an all-around combination enlisted man and officer, Captain Green as a full-fledged cameraman. His 8 mm. movie camera is one of his prize possessions, and developing and printing his own film is a favorite hobby when he can managed to steal a few days away from the Army to spend with his wife and daughter at his home in Everett, Washington. Colored film has not escaped his fancy, but at the present time it's rather a luxury to cameramen like nylons are to women. Needless to say, Captain Green's favorite subject and shots are of his young daughter, Linda Sue.

In the northwest, fishing is a favorite sport, and therefore it is not surprising that Capt. Green spends a great deal of his spare time in the role of fisherman. When not taking home movies, he is on beautiful Puget Sound, trying to get those salmon and trout to bite.

DANTE ANTICS

With the arrival of spring anything can happen and it usually does—but—we never thought we'd see a kite go sailing past our office window towing a couple of generally dignified GI's. It really happened.

Lieutenant Dawson, ward 202, and Sue Billingsly, Gray Lady, are becoming famous as cribbage experts, and down on ward 101 the daily bridge game is reaching tournament proportions with Lieutenant Goldsmith and Captain Saul always in the game.

The entire hospital has been watching the signs on the doors down on ward 202. What does it mean, fellows?

Hello to T/5 Jimmie Sparlin, the new redhead in the Dental Clinic. Jimmie transferred here from Camp Cooke. The new Romeo in X-ray is Carol Nakagawara, Nick to his friends.

We are glad to see Pvt. Jim Wasmund back at Dante after a short furlough home. Also back from furlough are Captain Harold Jacobsen, Pvt. John R. Ivie and Red Gray.

One of the Reiss twins has been transferred to Letterman for a few days, but your guess is as good as ours about which one.

William Ramsey, Hongkong Volunteer, and Sgt. Wilfred Stephenson spent a wonderful Sunday celebrating Ramsey's son's nineteenth birthday and his first in the states. Ramsey and his family were prisoners in the Orient for 44 months.

Major Francis, Dental Clinic, has been transferred to Letterman and Lt. Col. Williams has been transferred from the staff at Letterman to Dante. T/5 Maggie Buck has also been transferred to Letterman.

The little girl blushing at the variety show the other night was Lt. Pat Milloy.

Have you seen Major Siegel's beautiful tan? Who said the sun never shines in San Francisco?

Most people get sea legs by spending too much time on ships. We're almost certain that "Jitterbug" Carter, ward 301, got his riding elevators. Right, Virginia?

A woman is happy as long as she can keep her hair light and her past dark.

As the WAVE said to the Sergeant: "Look, soldier, before we go out on this date I want it understood—I may be a seaman second, but I'm a lady first."

WAC

Since the entrance of spring, Cupid has been shooting his arrows hither and yon, letting them land where they will, and consequently this week's column should be bordered with flowers, birds, and pierced hearts.

T/5 Grace Baxter, who recently arrived from Birmingham General Hospital, has announced her engagement to Captain Rowan Neff, who is now a patient at Dibble. With a sparkle in her eyes almost equal to that of her diamonds, Grace has been walking through the corridors, left arm outstretched, excitedly displaying her very pretty ring, is made up of three diamonds in a gold setting. Wedding plans are still in the indefinite stage.

Early this month, T/4 Dorothy J. Dodge received her beautiful Tiffany-set solitaire from Sterling Himel. Sterling is an ex-Army staff sergeant who kept Dorothy waiting while he fought the war in the Southwest Pacific. The couple plan to be married around the 20th of April.

On Sunday, March 31, T/5 Virginia Critchley will become Mrs. Thomas Arbulich. Ex-sergeant Tom was in the radar division of the Signal Corps, and saw action in Saipan. The couple will be married in an informal ceremony at the Portal Hurst Community Church with a reception following at the Taraval Temple. After a six-day furlough honeymoon, Virginia will leave the Record Room at Crissy Annex for the duties of Mrs. Arbulich of San Francisco. Lotsa luck to you, Virginia!

What's in a name??? Men seem to be having their troubles lately with their memories for technicalities. Throughout barracks 581 one night this week rang a voice, "Is there a Jean in the barracks who knows a Bill??? He's on the telephone and wants to speak to you!!"

The additional WAC's now to be seen in the Orderly Room are T/5 Mary Fox, T/5 Shirley Markley, and Pfc. Virginia Bozarth who arrived Sunday from Camp Cooke.

Congratulations to the 10 girls who received their T/5 stripes this week! They are: Lucy Johnson, Margie May, Pearl Rollnick, Elizabeth Staszak, Helen Sholtis, Irene Veronda, Margaret Prindiville, Sabina Szymkiewicz, Jane Pope, and Marie Wilson.

UP Offers Market For Gag Cartoons And Flying Stories

A new market for gag cartoons, photographs, and stories about personal flying experiences is offered by "UP," which will start publication with the July issue. The magazine will deal with private flying from fields in California, according to R. L. O'Hara, publisher.

"We want to use about 40 gag cartoons in each issue," says Mr. O'Hara. "If any of the patients in the hospital would care to submit cartoons, they will be given preference. The gags should be about incidents in private flying or maintenance of private aircraft. The rate is \$2.50 for each cartoon, payable on publication.

"Anyone who has had an unusual experience in a light plane that would be of interest to flying enthusiasts may submit an account in first person story form. If it is accepted, we will pay two cents per word on publication. Any pertinent pictures will be paid for at the rate of \$2.00 each, if used.

"All contributions, if not used, will be returned in good condition. If it is desired that published pictures be returned, requests to that

Majors Vogel and Burns Get Legion Of Merit Awards

Two members of the staff of the Office of the Surgeon General, Major Emma E. Vogel, Director of Medical Department Physical Therapists, and Major Helen C. Burns, Director of Medical Department Dietitians, have been awarded the Legion of Merit.

Major Vogel received her award for her work in effectively organizing "the Physical Therapists Branch, and formulating policies and plans to insure the highest standards of treatment for the sick and wounded."

Major Burns award was given for her work in the "organization and establishment of the Dietetic Branch and for formulating procedures which resulted in outstanding professional achievements in the dietetic field."

Why take life so seriously—you'll never get out of it alive.

effect should be made when submitting them. Contributors should enclose self-addressed envelopes for return of material."

Address of UP is 143 Arleta Avenue, San Francisco 24, California.

RECONDITIONING says

1. New window drapery in 1049 certainly enhances the class rooms. And did you notice the rug? Not like the little old red school house, is it?
2. Certificated teachers have been added to the educational Testing Staff—So why not get busy and get your GED Tests off your chest now before summer sets in? School credits can be given for this and other class-room work—use your spare time towards earning a high school diploma.
3. You can become a proficient **ONE-HANDED** (left or right) typist if you really want to learn. Private tutoring is available for the asking.
4. Come on, fellows, sign up for printing. There's a lot of therapeutic value in printing and you'll be surprised at the many muscles in arms, legs, and shoulders which will be put into play and exercised. Didn't know that, did you? Small printing classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1000 and 1300.
5. A peach of a shorthand teacher for ward patients is moaning the lack of students. It's a shame to waste such a chance!
6. Interest in industrial electricity opportunities is running high according to the fellows who meet with Mr. Jones. Why not find out what makes this man so good.
7. Good news, fellows—The long promised class in AUTO MECHANICS at Gompers' Trade School is now open for students. Sign up for this without delay.
8. For further information on any of the above, contact Educational Reconditioning, Bldg. 1039—phone ext. 4403.

Prospective father-in-law: "Well, young man, are you sure you can support a family?"

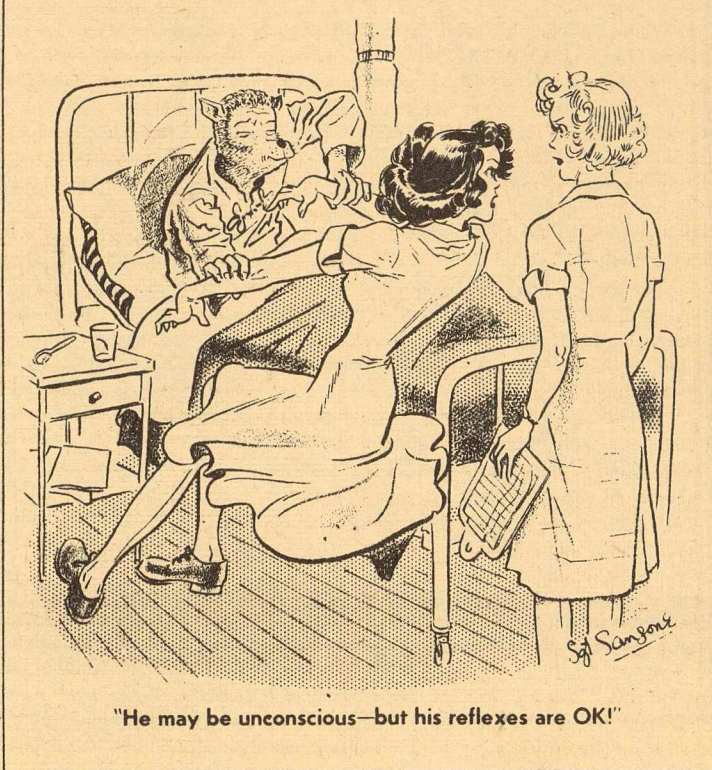
Suitor: "No, sir, I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will just have to shift for yourselves."

Father (proudly watching his two-year-old son): "He's been walking like that for almost a year!"

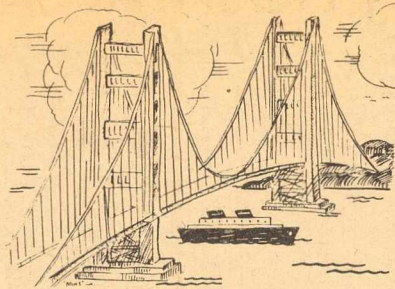
Bored Visitor: "Amazing!" Can't you get him to sit down?"

The Wolf

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"He may be unconscious—but his reflexes are OK!"



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ARMY DAY

Plaudits of Nation To American Soldier On Army Day, 1946

Today, April 6, 1946, the first Army Day at peace since 1941, the American soldier receives the plaudits of a grateful nation.

April 6, 1942—The American soldier was fighting a losing battle on Bataan, and building bases in Iceland.

April 6, 1943—The American soldier was fighting in Africa and bombing Jap supply lines in Burma.

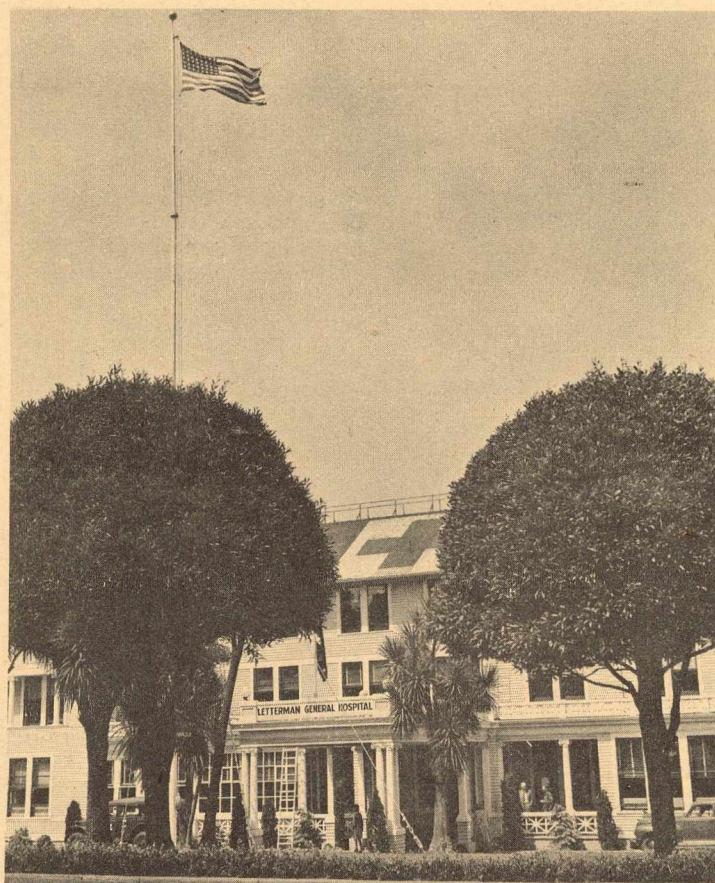
April 6, 1944—The American soldier was slogging through the Italian mud and about to establish a beachhead on New Guinea.

April 6, 1945—The American soldier was driving through Germany, a single month away from victory, and pushing deeper into Okinawa.

In none of those years did the American soldier have time to pause in battle for observance of Army Day.

Army Day marks the date of the United States' entry into World War I in 1917. It was inaugurated in 1928, and officially recognized by Congress on March 17, 1937.

The World War II veteran joins his dad or uncle in the Army Day parade, as the nation honors the veterans of the past two wars. Just as the world will never forget the sacrifices of those who will never again march in such parades, so also will the nation always remember the contributions our soldiers have made toward a better world order.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

In honoring the veteran the nation will also honor the peacetime Army of the United States, whose mission is greater than ever before. Today—in the midst of peace so dearly won—honor is bestowed not

only on those who wrested victory on the battlefield, but also on those who will preserve that peace.

With advancements created by the Army under stress of war still making

Open House At Letterman On Army Day

Open House will be held at Letterman General Hospital today, and Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, and the staffs of Letterman, the Hospital Train Unit, and Dante Annex, will commemorate Army Day, 1946, by welcoming the public to a tour of the hospital and its facilities.

WAC guides will conduct visitors on a tour of points of interest in the hospital. Groups will be taken through the wards, operating rooms, dental clinic, mess halls, will see reconditioning activities, occupational therapy classrooms, the gym and swimming pool, and the recreation building. Refreshments will be served.

At the Hospital Train Unit, a hospital train and a kitchen car of the type used to transport patients to other Army hospitals throughout the United States will be on display.

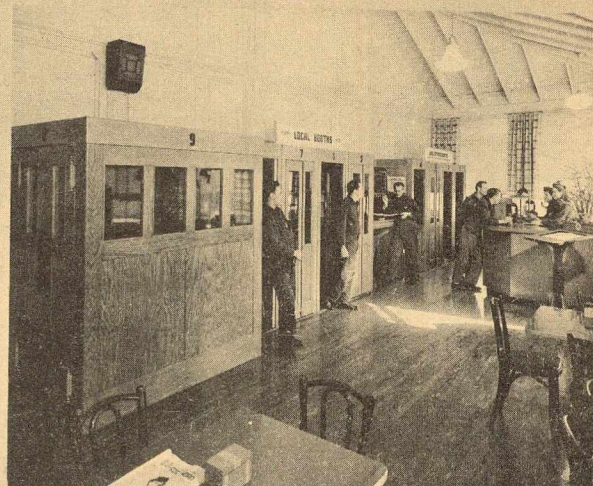
Visitors who come to the Presidio by street car will find buses waiting to take them to the main hospital and to Crissy Field.

At Dante Annex, groups will be taken on tours of the rooms, surgery, the arts and crafts workshop, the roof garden, gym, solarium, and theatre. Refreshments will be served at Dante also.

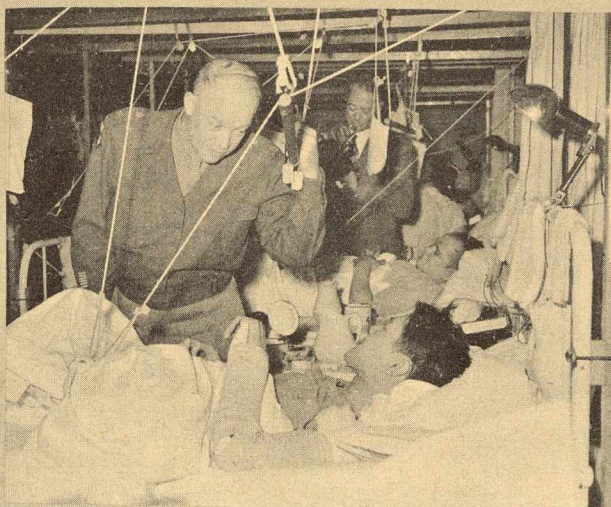
Copies of this special Army Day issue of The Fog Horn, Letterman's weekly publication for the hospital patients, are available for visitors.

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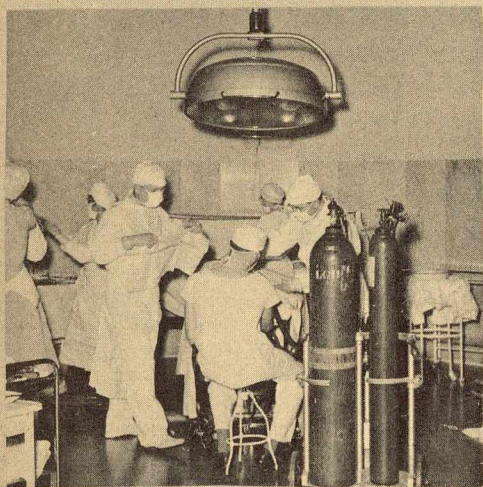
INTERIOR VIEWS OF THE MAIN HOSPITAL



Letterman General Hospital, one of the oldest Army general hospitals now in commission, has been a debarkation hospital through three wars -- the Spanish - American, World War I and World War II. It was organized as a general hospital in 1898, to receive troop casualties from the Philippine insurrection. Since 1908 it has been known as Letterman, in commem-



oration of Dr. Jonathan Letterman, Army Surgeon, who was Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. In 1917-18, it was a debarkation hospital for overseas garrisons in the Pacific. During World War II, again as a debarkation hospital for veterans returning from Pacific battle areas, Letterman took care of a peak load of 72,000 patients during a single year

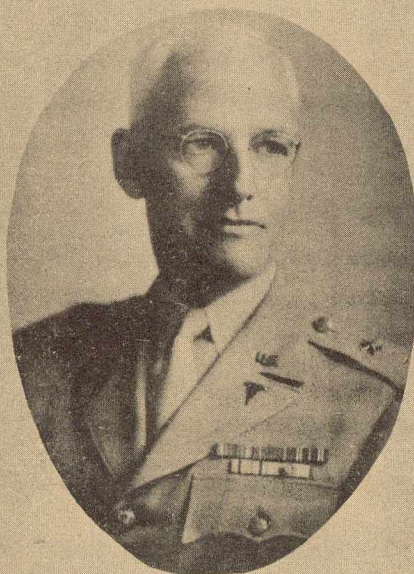


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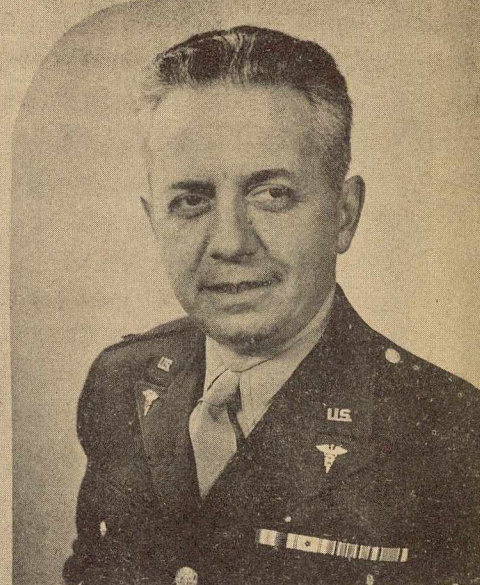


COL. BROWN S. McCLINTIC, MC
Deputy Commander

The progress of the Army Medical Corps in the use of sulfa drugs, penicillin, streptomycin, and blood plasma are proving of incalculable benefit in the never ending fight against infection

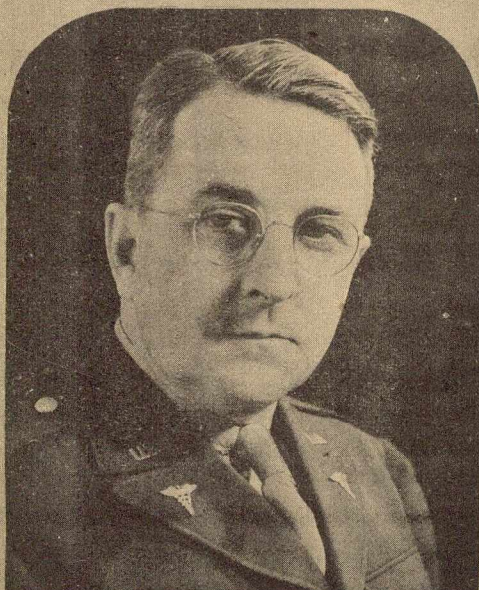


BRIG. GEN. CHARLES C. HILLMAN, USA
Commanding General

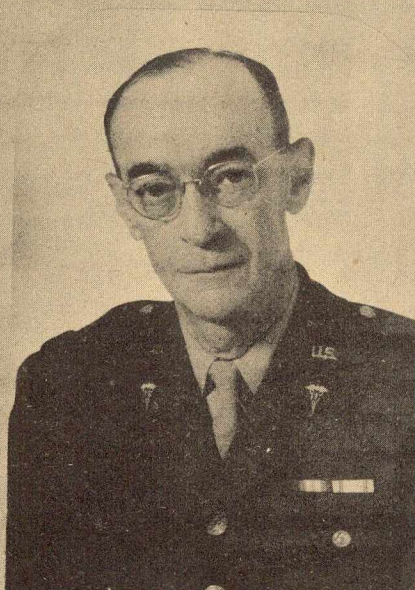


LT. COL. SETH O. CRAFT, PC
Executive Officer

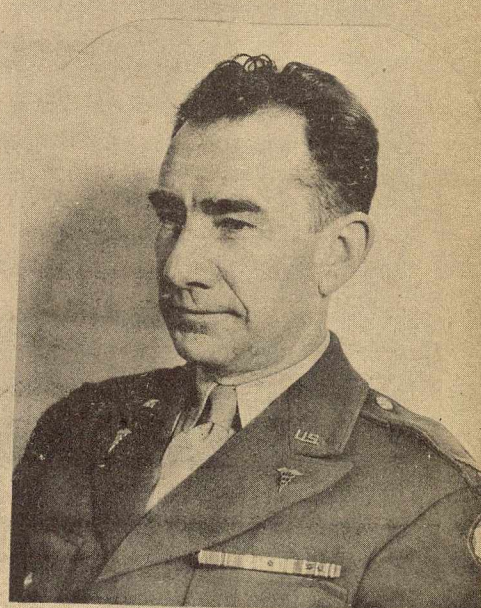
Army Surgeons have brought about remarkable recoveries in cases of skull injuries and in the repair of severed nerves by the use of the metal, tantalum.



COL. JOHN D. LAMON, JR., MC
Chief, Surgical Service



COL. BOYD L. SMITH, DC
Chief, Dental Service



COL. MACK M. GREEN, MC
Chief, Medical Service

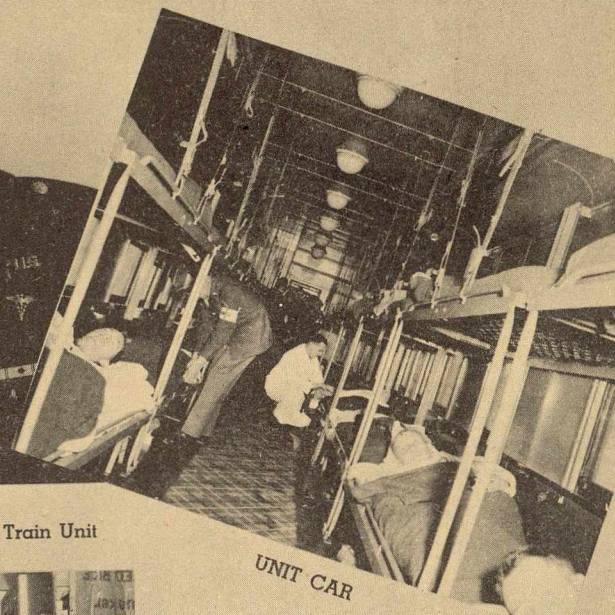
HOSPITAL TRAIN UNIT HAD BUSY YEAR



THE ROAD BACK



COL. KERMIT H. GATES, MC
Commanding Officer, Hospital Train Unit



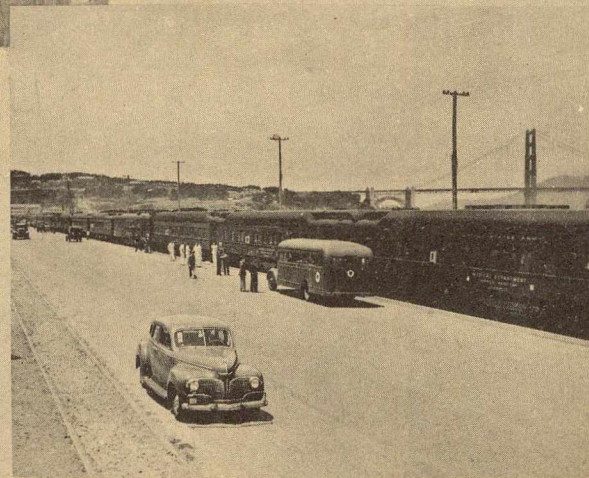
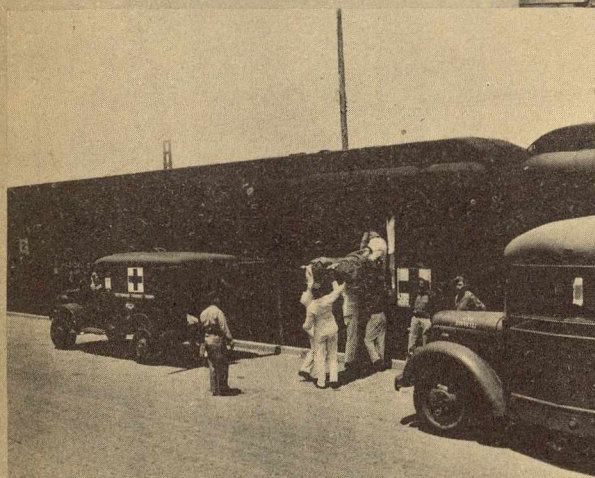
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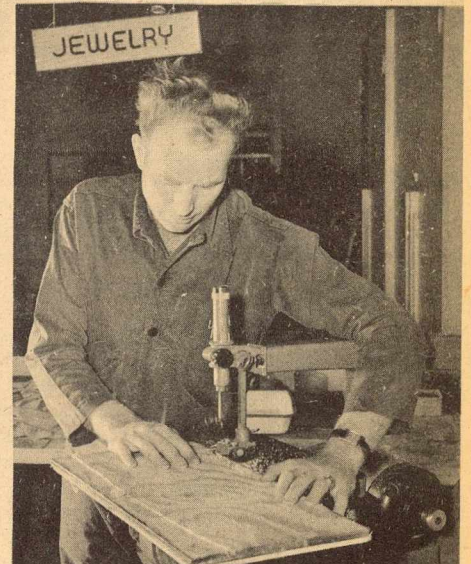
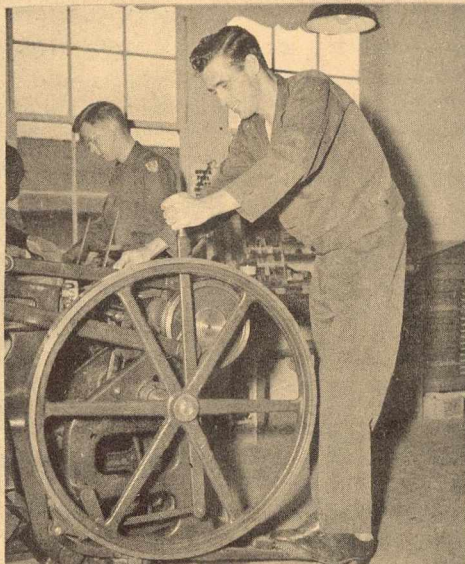
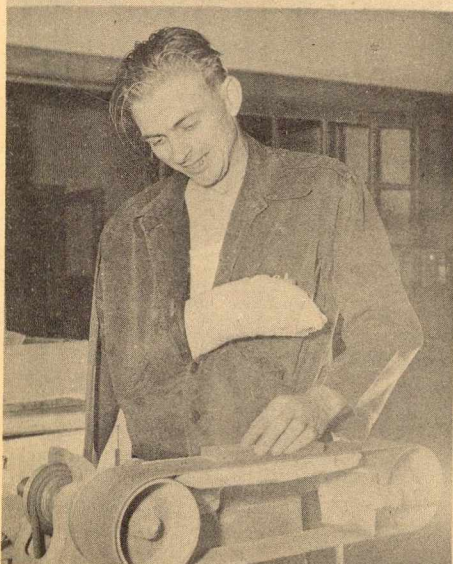
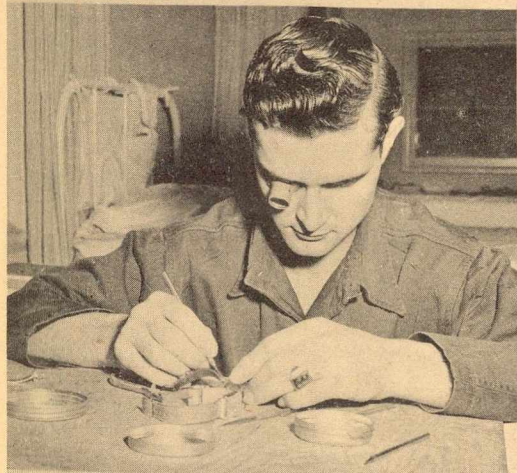
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READY TO GO



RECONDITIONING ACTIVITIES



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EDITORIAL

ARMY DAY

As Letterman joins with the posts, camps, and stations in the observance of Army Day it has special significance for us because for the first time in many years we will hold "Open House" for the citizens of this community.

We are aware of the deep interest of our people in all that pertains to the welfare of our sick and wounded service men and women. During the war it was not possible for us to throw open our doors to general visitors but now that peace has come again we would like to afford the people of this area an opportunity to see for themselves just how Letterman fulfills the mission assigned to it.

Officers, Nurses, and the enlisted men and women of the command will act as hosts to our visitors. Provision has been made for guides to conduct them to the main points of interest about the hospital and the facilities we have at hand will serve to demonstrate that our army gives to its sick and wounded the best care in the world.

For nearly half a century Letterman Hospital has been a part of the surrounding community. It has served through three wars and at all times maintained the high standards set by the Medical Department of the United States Army. It is one of the oldest general hospitals in the country and throughout the service it has been long known as "The hospital with a soul".

We welcome our visitors to-

Ward Wanderings

Who are all the girls in the rogues' gallery on Lloyd Brooks bedside table on C-1? He claims some of them are relatives, but he didn't explain the others! No duplicates, either!

Hyman Harnick from New York City, but now of Ward C-1, is viewing the world from his open-door room. Just new from the operating room, Hyman is looking forward to the day when he'll be walking out that door and heading for separation center, which he contemplates is four weeks away.

Taking to the air via books is Dorsey Arthur of Ward D-1. He's reading "Skyways," and is one of our many airplane enthusiasts.

On K-2 is Frank Murphy who has been trying in vain to raise a mustache which to date can be seen on second look.

Ask Mark Sanders and Edward Ploof of Ward C-2 about the story of two patients who spent the day at Bay Meadows, luckily hit on a horse paying \$88.00, missed the bus back to the hospital, and after arriving safely at their ward, left again to celebrate the day's events. Also, where did Mark get his new civilian sport coat, and why does Ed remain so contently in bed sleeping the hours away???

Leo Kessel who transferred to ward M-1, room 7 from ward E-2 via the operating room, is open for suggestions as to how he can spend the next few days in bed. He is still a charming host with a delightful grin, surgery or no surgery!

After a 3-day pass to Gault, California, Ralph Nicholson of Ward C-2 thinks a hospital is the best place for a patient. Says he, "It's too hard to keep up with those rocket-speed civilians!"

Also on C-2 is Clyde Bingham from Utah, who has been very satisfied with San Francisco up until the past week. What happened to change things so suddenly, Clyde??

On Ward 41 an ex-middleweight pro-boxer of Brooklyn was discovered. He's Andrew Kimmer Baldovino, and to think his buddies wondered why he spent his time at the Civic Auditorium watching boxing and wrestling matches!

day and feel they will find us doing a job that merits the encomium "Well Done".



The return of Captain Mary Katherine Cuppy to Letterman is the best news of the month!! Captain Cuppy, known to Letterman for her services here from October '40 to December '42,

has taken up her duties in the Assistant Chief Nurse's Office. At the time she left us, she went to Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, then became Recruiting Nurse for Southern California in Los Angeles, was Principal Chief Nurse at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, worked in the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C., as Procurement Nurse, and became Chief Nurse at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation before returning to San Francisco. Welcome back!

What nurse won all the money in the jackpot at the Officer's Club one night last week??? Lucky girl!!!

Major Nellie Suggs, former Chief Nurse at Dante Annex, was honored at a farewell party last week, upon her retirement from the Army Nurse Corps. Nurses gathered from Dante and Letterman in the Dante Nurses Quarters to bid their fond adieu to the woman under whom so many have served. The best wishes of her many friends go with her.

Trades Offer Apprenticeships For Veterans

California veterans can serve apprenticeships ranging from aircraft mechanic to zinc plating in 9,000 on-the-job training programs approved jointly by the Veterans Administration and the State division of apprenticeship standards.

State officials estimate some 300,000 veterans will be in training in 1947. This is borne out by recent polls taken at two California Army posts, Santa Ana Army Air Base and Camp Beale. Approximately one-fourth of the returning servicemen desire to learn a trade or round out technical experience gained in the service.

To date 7,000 firms, representing 55 basic industries, are training veterans for skilled manual trades.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, April 7, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Lenten Services:

Mass daily at 0600 and 0800.

Wednesdays—Rosary and Benediction at 1500.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 1500.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

WAC Section Reaches First Anniversary

Exactly one year ago this week, Letterman General Hospital saw the first WAC Section activated. With Captain Ernestine L. Stephenson were 36 WAC's, who bravely stood up under the curious glances which marked them as novelties, and who claimed ward "H" as their "home." Before moving into regular barracks, the group had grown to 58 bewildered newcomers.

On the 15th of June, the WAC Section was disbanded, and the 86th and 87th WAC Company were formed, followed in a few weeks by the 126th WAC Hospital Company, making three in all. At the end of December '45, the 126th and 87th WAC Companies were inactivated, and the WAC Section SCU 1972 was initiated.

What happens to such a group of girls over a year's period? Of 36 girls, four were married when they arrived, and received discharges when the AR pertaining to them was passed; five transferred to other hospitals; two were discharged on CDD's; one received a dependency discharge; seven were married while stationed here and later discharged; two received discharges on age; and four on points, leaving eleven of the original group to carry on with the memories of pioneer days. The eleven girls are: Marie Akers, Beverly Alexander, Dorothy Bennett, Marilyn Kennedy, Mary Joyce, Jean Jamison, Hazel Pickrem, Marian Howe, Blanche Pierce, Bertha Hechtner, and Virginia Hill. Virginia holds the title as the WAC who has served longest at Letterman, having arrived 20th March '45.

WAC

by Bette Byers

Day by day new faces are seen in the dayroom, the orderly room, and around the WAC area as uniformed lassies arrive bag and baggage to take up duties in and around Letterman. Those who arrived this week, and for whom we put out the "welcome" mat (even tho' it is getting a little shabby around the edges from constant use!) are: Pfc Dolores Maas from Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas; T/5's Rena Regas, Marinell Roberson, and Dorothy Frost from Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, California, and T/4 Daphne Dosch-Fleuret with her French accent, also from Birmingham . . . We guarantee that at no other Post in the U. S. can you have such a magnificent view as we do of the bridge and S. F. Bay.

If they aren't coming, they're going! And so it is that Pvt. Patricia Childers, Pvt. Arlene Murphy and T/4 Helen Giessen stopped off at Camp Beale this week to pick up their permanent passes to the civilian way of life. You may be gone, but you aren't forgotten!

Not only do they pay us, they vaccinate us!! Every girl in the 1972 SCU and 86th Hospital Company was seen hurrying up to the pay desk, only to saunter slowly over to doctors and nurses with sleeves rolled up to the shoulder to become immune to little bugs causing so much trouble these days. After booster shots, no one seems to be paying much attention to pin-pricked arms.

Busily sewing in the barracks are the following girls who received their long-awaited T/5 stripes: Pvt. Silvia Smith, Pfc Mildred Sitton, Marjorie Taylor, Gladys Warfel, Eunice Tes-ton, Olive Lidwell, Genevieve Zajackowski, Virginia Bozarth, Jennie Erbanowicz, and Helen Swanson . . . Why don't the gals get together who receive promotions and have a good ol' coke party in the barracks as they sew on the bright shiny stripes? For sure every member of the party would be in excellent spirits!

T/4 Ann McMillan is quite a ski enthusiast we discovered. She enjoyed a ski-meet recently in the biggest-little city in the world, Reno. Came back all in one piece without so much as a bruise, too!!

She: "Fresh! Who said you could kiss me?"

He: "Everybody."

Proclamation

"Whereas the Army of the United States has performed gallantly its part, in magnificent cooperation with our Allies, in accomplishing the utter defeat in the past year of the enemy nations that threatened our freedom and required us to defend it in the most terrible war in history;

"Whereas our Army continues in active service to the nation in occupying parts of enemy countries to insure the establishment of a lasting peace; and

"Whereas the Congress, by Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, 75th Congress, agreed to by the House of Representatives on March 16, 1937, has recognized April 6 of each year as Army Day and has requested that the President issue a proclamation annually with respect to that day:

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, in order that we may give especial honor to our Army, to the soldiers of World War II, and to the soldiers who defended our liberty in other wars, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 6, 1946, as Army Day, and do invite the governors of the several states to issue proclamations calling for the observance of that day.

"I also remind our citizens that our Army, charged with responsibility for defending the United States and our territorial possessions, can carry out its duty only with the full support of our people. I urge my fellow citizens to be mindful of the Army's needs, to the end that our soldiers overseas do not lack the means of performing effectively their continuing duties, and in order that the hardship of their separation from home and loved ones may be alleviated in every possible way. I know that our people will always remember the soldiers who have suffered that we might remain free, and the families of those who have sacrificed their lives for our cause."



To Cpl. and Mrs. William Schuller, a son, **Martin Edward**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 27 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Arthur W. St. Clair, a daughter, **Suzanne**, weight 8 pounds and 11¼ ounces, born 28 March.

To CWO and Mrs. Jack D. Kane, a son, **Jack Daniel II**, weight 8 pounds and 10¼ ounces, born 28 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. Albert S. Brown, a son, **Gordon Douglas**, weight 8 pounds and 15¼ ounces, born 28 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Michols Pascual, a son, **Steven Mitchell**, weight 7 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 28 March.

To Major and Mrs. Manuel Sall, a daughter, **Jane Ellen**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 29 March.

To CWO and Mrs. John F. Killen, a son, **Michael John**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 29 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Max Levine, a daughter, **Karol Janis**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 30 March.

MORE ABOUT ARMY DAY

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ing news, the nation today probably understands better than past generations the accomplishments of the United States Army that benefit mankind in ways other than in overcoming aggressors. These advancements will continue, to the progress and benefit of mankind under the peacetime Army.

Pioneering in peacetime as well as in war has marked the Army as a profession comparable in dignity and achievement to any civilian profession. The Army has, through the years, made notable contributions to various fields of endeavor—among them, medicine, industry, engineering, and aviation.

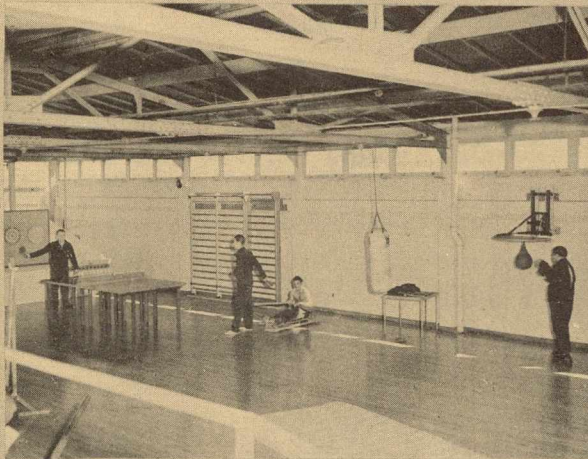
General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, recognizing this fact, said in a speech before the House Military Affairs Committee: "It is my personal opinion that the greatest single motivating power for World Peace is the organized military potential of the United States—its resources, its technological advancement, its trained manpower."



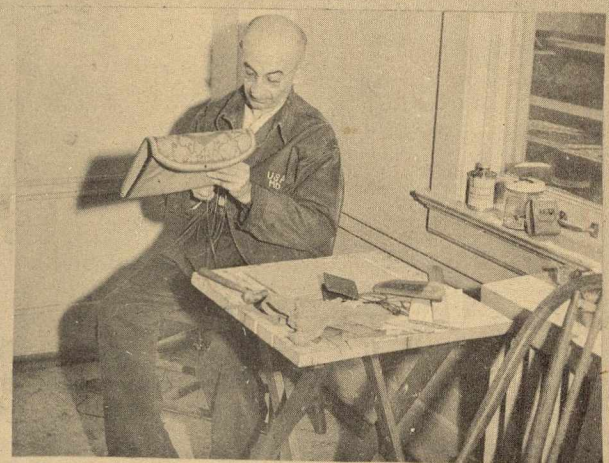
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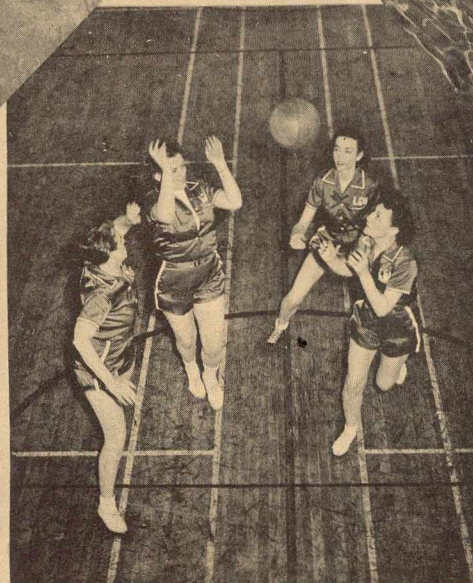
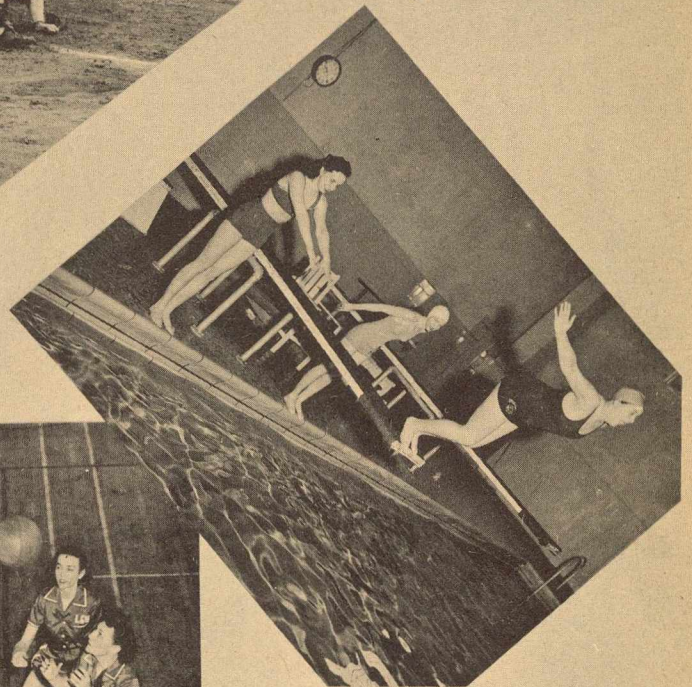
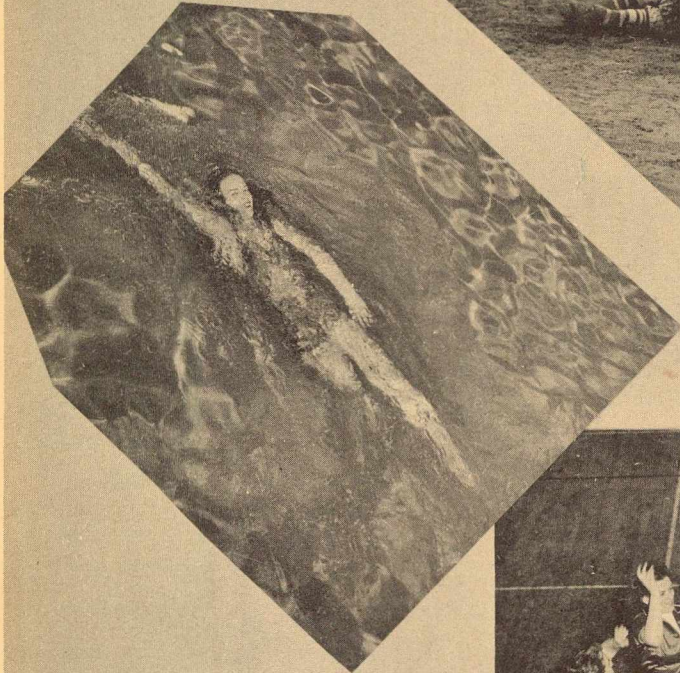


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ARTS AND CRAFTS

"ALL WORK AND NO PLAY--"



CELEBRITIES WHO MADE THEM LAUGH AT LETTERMAN



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HARRY OWENS



FRANCES LANGFORD



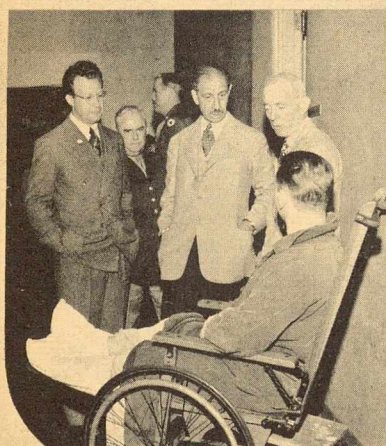
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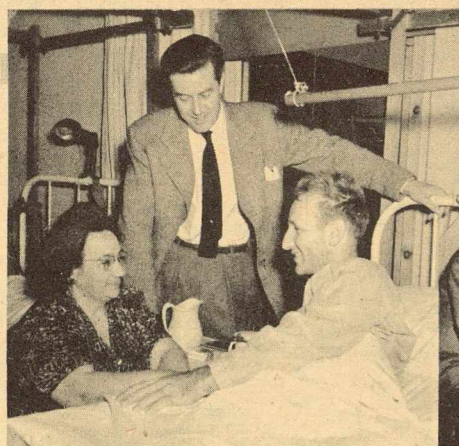
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INFORMATION, PLEASE



"LOST WEEKEND"



BIG FOUR: LAZZERI - VITT - O'DOUL - COBB

CIVIL CIRCLES

by Lillian Jones

With "Spring Bursting Out All Over" the desire to utilize the warm sun and be out of doors is very exhilarating.

Vacations are never long enough. After a few days at Carmel by the Sea, Mary Bensen returns to her desk in the Personnel Section.

It's to the mountains for Gilbert Grady from Officers Section, and up to Rainbow for a few days of skiing to loosen those joints and take to the snowy slopes.

Off to Reno goes Lillian Wikstrom by plane for a good visit with her family over the weekend. Happy landing, "Lil".

From the EENT Section Mary Johnson leaves for a week's vacation to be spent at her home in San Francisco with her twin sister who has recently been separated from the Army Nurse Corps.

Quite chipper these days after an emergency appendectomy, Warren Conlin from Employee Relations is coming along nicely. He's convalescing at St. Mary's Hospital.

The arrow of Dan Cupid strikes this week in the Laboratory and the betrothal of Doris Hare and Lt. Houghton Gifford, M. C., has been announced. Doris, a native of Rochester, Minnesota, has been on duty at Letterman the past fifteen months. The nuptial knot will be tied in the very near future in the Presidio Chapel.

On the sick list for a few days and away from the library is Leah Frisby, who can now tell you all about her vaccination. Also back after a few days illness is Zeda Kelly, feeling a lot better, which makes us very happy.

Josephine Alessi, who transferred to Dante Annex last week, seems very happy with her new job.

That great Imp of Ireland, George Bernard Shaw, has a new publication, "The Crime of Imprisonment." It is an essay, written after the last war, and now printed in book form for the first time. His ideas on penology should be of important significance in these days of spreading criminalism. At any rate, if you are a fan of this unique man, you will want to read this essay. In the Library.

Wife: "A letter marked 'Private and Personal' came for you today."

Husband: "Well — what did it say?"

TWIN PATIENTS AT DANTE SPELL "DOUBLE TROUBLE"—BUT FUN



If we didn't tell you, would you know? Herman enjoys solid comfort while his twin, Morris Reiss, takes a leaning position.

It may not be the first time in history, but it's definitely news when identical twins are admitted to the same hospital at the same time with the same illness. In Ward 303 at Dante Annex are Herman and Morris Reiss, who have been able to confuse even the most technical observer throughout their army careers.

Together they received their "greeting" cards from the draft board at New Jersey, and "sweated out" their basic training at Ft. Dix. Together they boarded the train for Keesler Field, Mississippi, and for one brief spell when Morris transferred to Ellington Field, Texas, they thought their paths would part. But Herman soon joined him, and once again they could gripe, brag, laugh, and cry on each other's shoulders.

This time it was Herman who was transferred, but the order from the War Department stating that brothers could be stationed together in the army had already come through,

so each knew his life would not be private for too long. Sho' nuff, a week later Morris arrived to greet his twin at the Army Air Base, in New Orleans. Together they trained for overseas duty at Jackson Barracks, and then saw the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns side by side. Herman was a radar technician, and Morris a radio technician on the ground crew of the Fifth Air Force. In January Herman was admitted to Dante with anemia, and Morris, right behind him, was admitted with—
anemia!

Prior to their enlistment, we find the only difference that seems to have existed in their 29 years of life. Morris worked as payroll clerk for Cornell Dublier, and Herman was assistant buyer for men's clothing at Tepper Brothers, both of New Jersey.

Their similarity is complete to the size of their clothing, height, weight, coloring, and sense of humor. Both are single, like the same sports, jokes

RECONDITIONING says

1. Congratulations to the Following: Howard I. Bagg, Blanche S. Bays, Firie Wilkins, Donald Bell, Leo Birdsall, Helen Cline, John Gooch, Jerry Havill, Marion Howard, Joseph Kiss, Robert Moore, and Albert Machado. These are but a few of those who have received sheepskins through Reconditioning Service, based on class-work and successful completion of their AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION GED TESTS.
2. Ten new students signed up for the typing class, Bldg 1049, during March, and according to latest reports, feminine typists had better watch their laurels.
3. Welcome to: Richard Lee, Harry Coates, Mary Chase, Leroy Fredricks, Keith Nash, Cardel Jones, C. F. McClelland, Seth Allen, Raymond Feith, George Jandl. (Typists)
4. Lt. Wm. Donnelly (B-2) is engrossed these fine spring days with ART in a big way. Water colors, no less. His enthusiastic "Tutor," Mr. Schoofsma, also lends his artistic help to Frank Sato (E-2). Any more with art ambitions who need help? Don't be hesitant.
5. If your thoughts are running along the line of Vocations, and you would like some vocational counsel, call Sergeant Haber, ext. 4184, for an appointment with one of the several counselors.
6. Should you desire information on musical instruction on any instrument, call Miss Bacon, ext. 4184, or ask your nurse to do it for you.
7. Mr. Frank F. Pierson Jr., has been assigned to LGH by the Veterans' Administration as a vocational advisor, and may be found in Bldg 1036.
8. Watch this space next week for more information on Vocational Guidance.

and to add to the confusion . . . the same type of girl. Their snow jobs are quite effective because they both talk at the same time, saying practically the same thing, and smiling in the same attractive manner. If you can't believe it—ask the nurses, ask the technicians, and—ask me!

Dante Annex is Hospital's Medical Service Center

Dante Annex of Letterman General Hospital, at Broadway and Van Ness in San Francisco, was leased by the Army in 1943, and was at first operated as the station hospital for the S. F. Port of Embarkation. It was formerly a civilian hospital known as Dante Sanitarium. In August, 1944, it was consolidated with Letterman. Lt. Col. Chas. E. Cocks, Jr., is Executive Officer.

In January, 1946, when Letterman began receiving cases for definitive treatment, Dante Annex was set aside for the Medical Service of the hospital. It has, however, continued to handle the maternity cases for military dependents of San Francisco.

The Dante unit includes the hospital proper, nurses' quarters and enlisted mens' quarters. The hospital's ten wards have a bed capacity of 334. The wards are small, with two, three, or four beds each.

Well-equipped for all types of definitive care, the hospital's facilities include two spacious major operating rooms, two dental operating rooms, a cystoscopic room, minor surgery cast room, and eye, ear, nose and throat clinic. A complete Physical Therapy department and a Radiological department are maintained.

Among the services available at Dante for the convenience of the patients are the hospital chapel, PX and barber shop, gymnasium, and a library of 2500 books.

In the Arts and Skills workshop, patients may learn leathercraft, weaving, sketching and painting, and lucite design. In the Recreation room, popular films are shown, and parties are given for the entertainment of the patients. This room is also used for Reconditioning classes, lectures and training films.

In the flood of historical novels comes one about a little-known period of America's history; the story of Anetje Hoosen and her life in the medieval society of the feudal Hudson River Valley of 1689. How she and her husband survive the inevitable rebellion of the tenant farmers and the middle-class to return to the magnificent country that they love is a story of romance, adventure, and suspense. You'll find it in "Forever Possess," a new book by Alexandra Phillips. In the Libra-

FIVE RECEIVE ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBONS IN AWARD CEREMONIES

Five Army Commendation Ribbons were presented to military personnel last week by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman in ceremonies held in his office. The awards went to: Major Lee Inman, MAC; Major Rex P. Clayton, MAC; Major Cleo E. Rumsey, AUS; Warrant Officer (jg) William R. Tubbs, and Master Sergeant Henry Kuntz.

The Army Commendation Ribbon was awarded to Major Inman for "meritorious service as Adjutant, Letterman General Hospital from 22 March 1945 to 15 March 1946. Major Inman, through rare tact, initiative and force, combined with superior knowledge of Army administration gained through years of experience, contributed outstandingly to the proper functioning of Letterman General Hospital."

Major Clayton received his ribbon for "meritorious achievement during the period 1 August 1944 to 31 December 1945, while serving at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California. As Chief of the Dietetics Branch, Major Clayton displayed a high degree of efficiency and initiative in establishing and maintaining a superior standard of operation in all activities pertaining to the Dietetics Branch, thus contributing directly to the efficient functioning of Letterman General Hospital."

Major Rumsey is authorized to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon by direction of the Secretary of War "for meritorious service as Post Exchange Officer, Letterman General Hospital from 1 August 1944 to 13 March 1946. Through his resourcefulness and sound business methods, combined with unusual knowledge of Post Exchange Administration, Major Rumsey was responsible for the highly efficient operation of Exchange activities at this installation. His keen personal interest and untiring efforts were an outstanding contribution to the morale and comfort of thousands of overseas patients and duty personnel during this period."

Warrant Officer (jg) William R. Tubbs received the ribbon "For meritorious service as Assistant Chief Military Personnel Branch, Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California from 27 February 1943 to 31 December 1945 demonstrating unusual ability and ingenuity in the development and installation of a

pay card system for all military personnel. His initiative contributed greatly in time saved and efficiency attained during a period vital to the war effort."

Master Sergeant Kuntz's citation stated: "For meritorious service as noncommissioned officer in charge of Hospital Police and Personnel, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, from 1 August 1944 to 31 December 1945. By demonstrating a high degree of initiative and efficiency in supervising all enlisted personnel on duty in the Professional Division, Master Sergeant Kuntz contributed materially to the proper functioning of Letterman General Hospital."

Popular Science Offers Prizes for Handicraft Items

Cash prizes totaling \$3,300 will be awarded by Popular Science monthly magazine for the best 57 handicraft items selected by judges from entries submitted in the Servicemen's Handicraft contest, the Ninth Service Command special services division announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Top prize in the contest, which will close April 30, 1946, will be \$1,000. Fifty-six other awards, including second prize of \$500, will be given.

Eligible to compete are all military personnel and discharged veterans. Veterans must have completed their entries prior to discharge from the service.

Entries will be judged on originality and ingenuity in design as well as usage of material, preferably surplus or salvaged.

Not acceptable for competition are paintings, drawings, photographs, prints and renderings.

Entries must be mailed direct to the Servicemen's Handicraft Contest Editor, Popular Science Monthly, 353 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and must not exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Complete rules governing the contest may be secured from any special services officer in the Ninth Service Command.

"Have you any four-volt two-watt bulbs?"

"For What?"

"No, two."

"Two what?"

"Yeah."

Train Unit Is "Community On Wheels"

Hospital Train Unit of Letterman General Hospital might be called a "community on wheels." Since July, 1944 this unit, located at Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco, has been responsible for transporting patients from Letterman Hospital to other Army hospitals throughout the United States. Unit commander is Col. Kermit H. Gates.

Patients are evacuated in hospital cars, Pullman cars, and occasionally in buses. An average of over 5,000 patients per month leave by train, and the average number of patient miles traveled is 2253.

Assigned to the unit are a group of officers, members of the Army Nurse Corps, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees, who look after all details of transportation, feeding and care of the patients. A Train Chief Nurse and from three to five additional nurses are assigned to each train of cars, the number required being determined by the condition of the patients.

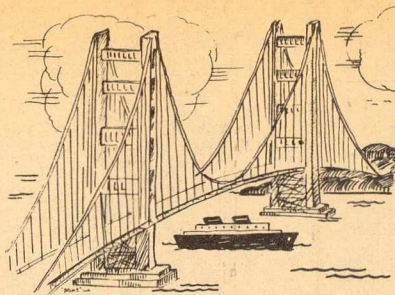
The work is planned so that as little time as possible is spent entraining patients, and it now takes only 30 minutes to entrain and load baggage on a train of ten or more hospital cars.

Kitchen cars are a part of the train units. In some cases, a kitchenette installed in the unit car is sufficient for the number of patients involved.

A chaplain is attached to the unit, and regular religious services are held. Recreational diversions and special comforts are provided for the patients while en route — among them cigarettes, candy, reading material, and musical instruments.

As a correspondent with the Third Army since the Tunisian campaign, James Wellard saw a great deal of General Patton. He was able to see Patton at rest as well as in action, and seeks to explain the General in his new book, "General George S. Patton, Jr.; Man under Mars." The book is a lively picture of the most widely and vigorously discussed American General of this war, neither a diatribe nor an apology but a portrait painted with candor and vigor. In the Library.

They're going to check the records on that new guy in our outfit. Every time he fires a gun, he wipes off his fingerprints.



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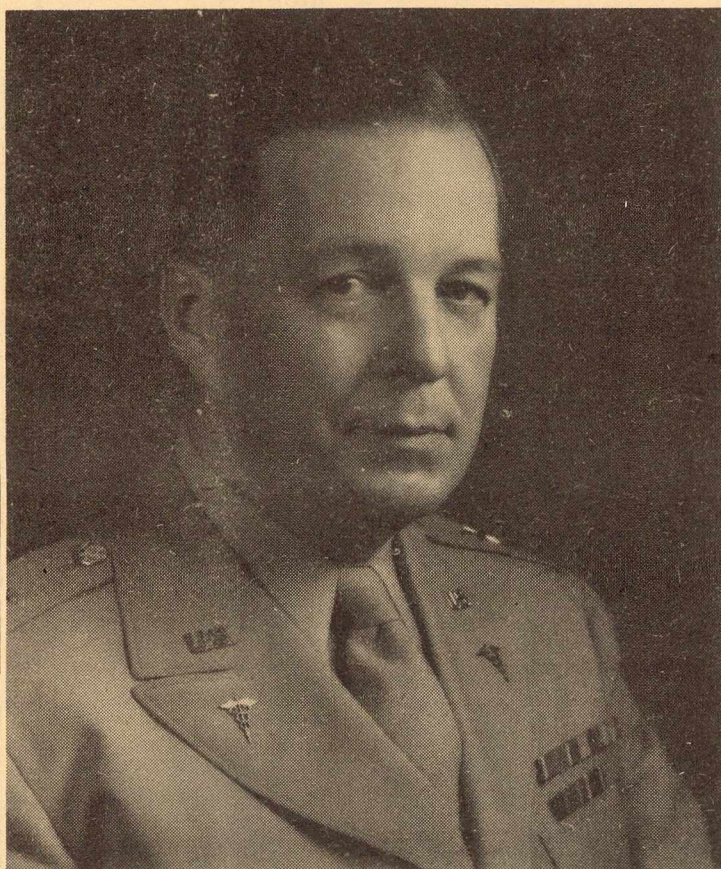
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Need 600 WACs Immediately for Overseas Service

Overseas service is now being offered to enlisted personnel of the Women's Army Corps, the War Department announced yesterday. Openings are available in the European Theater for 600 women in five specialist categories. This applies equally to Wacs who reenter the service, who will be given the grade which they held at the time of discharge, and to those still in uniform who volunteer to remain beyond their scheduled time for discharge. All applications for reentry must be filed in local U. S. Army Recruiting Stations by midnight April 30.

"Opportunity for the coveted overseas service is thus being offered equally to Wacs who took their discharge when they became surplus and those still on active duty," Major General W. S. Paul, ACS, G-1 commented. "Priority will go to those women who have not served overseas because at the present time there is only a limited need for such duty. We are attempting to be fair to the many Wacs who were denied the chance to go overseas but who served long and creditably in this country during the war. If that plan proves inadequate, those who have had overseas service will have the opportunity of again serving overseas."

"The whole basis for the reentry and volunteer programs now being conducted by the Women's Army Corps is the need for skilled personnel," General Paul continued. "In spite of the fact that there are some military installations where Wacs are no longer needed, there is an acute demand in others for certain skills. For instance, requisitions by the Army Service Forces remain unfilled at this time. The War Department is thus actively engaged in



Major General GEORGE F. LULL, U. S. Army, Retired
Former Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, who retired at the end of last year, and is now Assistant Secretary, American Medical Association. General Lull was in San Francisco this week in connection with preparations for the convention of the AMA to be held in this city in July.

a program to retain or re-obtain Wacs with those skills which are in demand, both for service overseas and in this country."

Wac stenographers, clerk typists, general clerks, telephone switchboard operators, and teletype-writer operators comprise the specialists needed in the European Theater at the present time. The Military Occupational Specialty numbers for those classification appear in the

table below. Only Wacs with these MOS numbers will be eligible for overseas duty due to the current critical shortage of such specialists.

MOS number now needed in Europe and their classifications are:

- No. 213—Stenographers
- No. 405—Clerk Typists
- No. 055—Clerks, General
- No. 650—Telephone Switchboard Operators

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Crowds Attend Letterman Army Day Open House

Nearly a thousand visitors took advantage of the invitation to enjoy the hospitality of the post last Saturday afternoon, when Letterman General Hospital held Open House on Army Day, April 6.

Many enthusiastic comments were heard, complimenting the efficiency of the WAC guides and the manner in which the various groups were conducted on the tour of the hospital. They made the rounds of the wards, saw the operating rooms, dental clinic, mess halls, reconditioning section, occupational therapy classrooms, gym and swimming pool.

At the Hospital Train Unit, guests saw a hospital train and a kitchen car, the kind used to transport patients from Letterman to other hospitals in the United States.

Visitors who came to the Presidio by street car found buses waiting to take them to Letterman and to the Hospital Train Unit.

Final stop was the recreation building, where coffee and doughnuts, furnished by the Dietetics Department, were served.

Dante Annex of Letterman, at Broadway and Van Ness, had more than 100 visitors at their Open House. Six WAC guides were kept busy showing the guests through the rooms, surgery, arts and crafts workshop, the roof garden, gym, solarium and theatre.

Souvenir copies of the Army Day issue of The Fog Horn, containing views of the hospital, the train unit, Dante Annex, reconditioning and recreational activities, and pictures of celebrities who have entertained the patients at Letterman, were given to each of the guests.

Brisk Business in Comings and Goings at Letterman

There's cause for hail and farewell this week at Letterman, with four on the coming and going list. The score is one going overseas—Capt. Norman J. Cantley; one taking his place as Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients—Capt. Manley G. Morrison, formerly Registrar; one returning to civilian life—Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click; and one arriving—Chaplain (Captain) Jerome Robbins.

Captain Cantley, who has been at Letterman since September, 1944, came into the Army in 1935, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Reserve. He joined the National Guard of California in 1939, and was assigned to the 115th Medical Regiment of the 40th Division and transferred to the Medical Administrative Corps.

First assignment was Alaska, where he served at Anchorage for 10 months as Detachment Commander at the station hospital. He kept working his way around Alaska, spending the next 16 months as adjutant at a field hospital on a small island near Attu.

Rotation brought Captain Cantley back to the mainland, and he had an opportunity for the honeymoon which had been postponed because of his Alaskan tour of duty. He had been married just before leaving for Alaska to Lt. Helen Mulvaney, ANC, at Camp San Luis Obispo.

During his 18 months at Letterman, Captain Cantley was first Provost Marshal, and later Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients. His many friends here at the hospital are sorry to lose him, but he has been alerted and is now leaving for

overseas duty.

Captain Morrison, who is taking over Captain Cantley's duties with the Detachment of Patients, came to Letterman in February of this year, and is already well known and liked here. He was first assigned as administrative assistant to the Chief of Surgical Service, and then served as Registrar for a short time.

He enlisted in the Army in June 1942. After attending Officers' Candidate School at Camp Barkley, Texas, he received his commission and was assigned to the 63rd Medical Battalion. After maneuvers with the Battalion at Bend, Oregon, and at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation in California, he went overseas with the 430th Medical Battalion as operations officer.

Captain Morrison was overseas 16 months, and during that time saw a good deal of the European Theatre, serving in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Germany and Austria.

He returned to the United States in December 1945, and after a joy-

been overseas since 1943, and was first on Bougainville Island. In 1944 he was sent to Nissan, in the Green Island group, as island chaplain. He was at Munda from February until August 1945.

Chaplain Click is a native of Greenville, Texas, and was a member of the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference. He attended McMurry College in Abilene, Texas, and took his degree at Panhandle Agriculture-Mechanical School, Goodwell, Oklahoma. His theological work was done at Southern Methodist University.

He entered the Army in March 1941, after three years as pastor of

Before he was in the Army he was rabbi of the Woodlawn Hebrew Congregation in Chicago.

He is an enthusiast about fishing and golf, and says that now that he



JEROME ROBBINS
Chaplain (Capt.)

is living here on the post, he is looking forward to playing golf on the Presidio course.

And he is a bachelor.

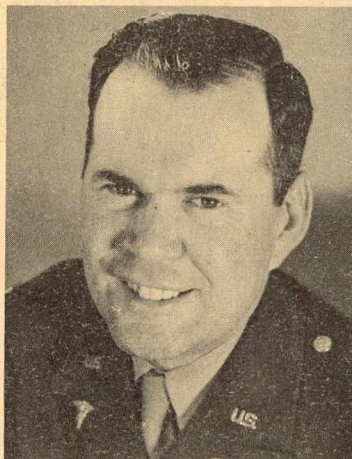
MORE ABOUT WACS

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No. 237—Teletype-Writer Operators

In addition to the 600 earmarked for Europe, there is an urgent need for skilled WACS in personnel centers, hospitals and headquarters installations in this country. Hospital, X-ray and laboratory technicians, code, and cryptography and other communications technicians are especially in demand, as well as clerks, typists and stenographers. Former enlisted women may reenter the WAC for these duties, at which time they will be given the grade which they held at the time of their discharge. No closing date has yet been announced for such applications, but it is expected to be determined shortly.

Two types of enlistment are available to Wacs who reenter the service. They may reenter for the duration plus six months, or they may sign up until September 30 of this year, as it is expected that the acute need for skilled personnel will continue through the summer months.



NORMAN J. CANTLEY
Captain, MAC

ous 45-day leave, was assigned to Letterman. His wife Lerlene and their two sons, Manley James and Richard Glenn, are here in San Francisco with the captain.

Although he's a native of West Virginia, Captain Morrison's home is now in Sun Valley, Idaho, so it's to be expected that skiing would be his favorite sport—and it is. But golf, hunting and fishing are on his diversion list too.

Reluctant farewells were said this week to Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click, who arrived here last December 8 from the Solomons. He had



ALBERT F. CLICK
Chaplain (Capt.)

a Methodist Church in Texoma, Oklahoma.

The chaplain's wife and his son, Albert Wayne, who is a high school student, have made their home in Pacific Grove, near Monterey, for the past five years. Now that he is returning to civilian life, Chaplain Click plans a vacation with them before taking over other duties.

Last week Chaplain (Captain) Jerome Robbins arrived at Letterman to join the Chaplains' Corps here, and has been welcomed by patients and staff to his new assignment.

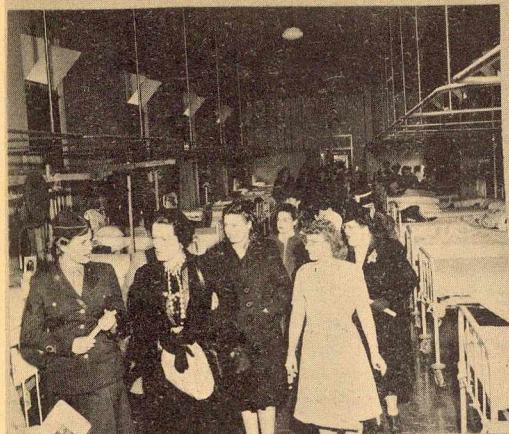
He entered the Army in November 1944, and attended chaplains' school at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. He was then assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he remained for the past 17 months.

Chaplain Robbins was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He went to school in Chicago, where he took his Master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago.



MANLEY G. MORRISON
Captain, MAC

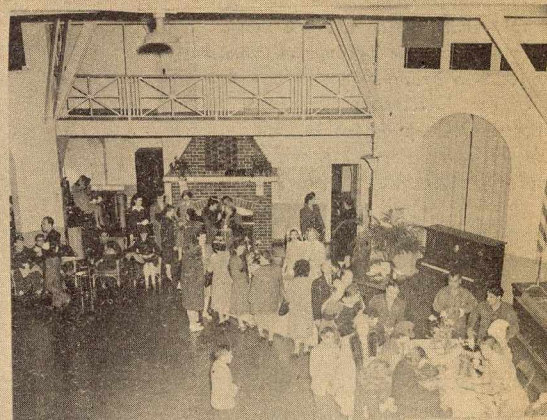
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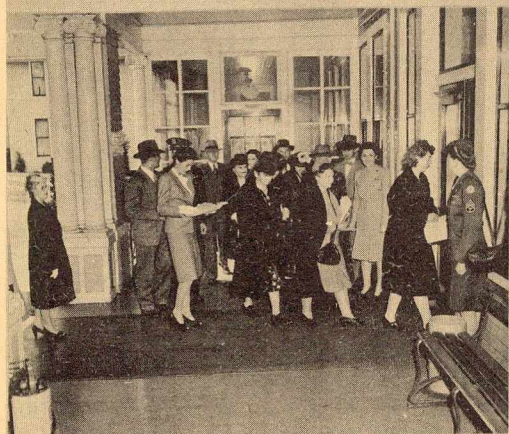
SGT. AUDREY MARTIN
In the role of guide



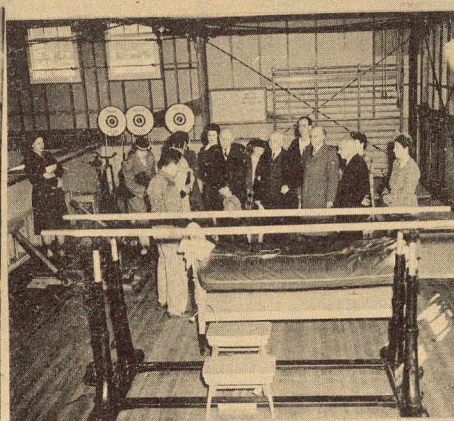
THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Stops to chat with two visitors



REFRESHMENTS
Furnished by Dietetics Department in Rec Center



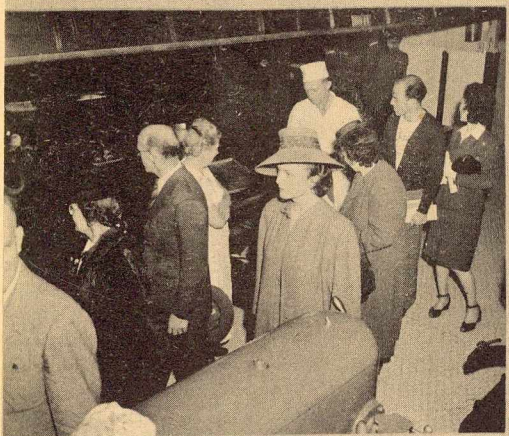
STARTING THE TOUR
Mrs. Byers just makes it



IN THE GYMNASIUM
What exercise does for a patient



MAJOR LENIHAN
Puts teeth in his talk



THE KITCHEN
Gets the once-over



COLONEL LAMON
Lets the visitors peep into Surgery



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A very popular spot

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EDITORIAL

THINKING AHEAD

When you're about to become a civilian you have a good many things on your mind about your future, but sometimes the things you think about the most are not things that are most important to that future.

Maybe you plan to go back to school under the GI bill; maybe you will go back to the job you held before the war. If you have definite plans, that's fine.

But if you haven't — start thinking ahead. Some veterans are so eager for that day when they'll be able to wear civilian clothes again that they don't look beyond it. But now, while there's time to think and to plan, use a little of the time to indulge in that sometimes difficult chore—thinking.

If you want to continue your education, don't wait until the last minute, or the day before you're discharged, to make your decision about what to do.

Credit is given by educational institutions for military training and service. Find out about this from your Information & Education officer. Get from him the application for "Credit for Educational Achievement During Military Service." He will help you fill it out, and you can then send it to whatever educational institution you wish. They will return it, tell you the amount of credit you have coming, and make recommendations for further study.

Or you may want to take the

WAC

By Bette Byers

Hidden facts just discovered: T/5 Joyce Arnold and "Cindy" Slay have nothing on their mothers who were also WACs!! Joyce's mother was in the WAAC and the WAC, serving 26 months, 18 of them spent overseas. She was a mess sergeant in North Africa and Italy, and received her discharge a year ago last January. Joyce is working in the post office, and enlisted after her mother's high recommendation of the Corps.

Cindy's mother was stationed at Ellington Field, Texas, where she taught music to officers, and acted as hostess to visiting officials on the Post. She was relieved of duty last August after spending 16 months in the WAC. In both cases neither mother and daughter took their basic training at the same center.

One of the biggest surprises to the detachment came this week when 1st Lieut. Lillian Matthews, our assistant CO, left for duty at Camp Beale. Lieut. Matthews served as CO since last August, and will be missed by all.

Just in time to get into the Easter Parade with an un-GI bonnet is Pfc. Kathleen Harrigan who left for Camp Beale and discharge this week.

Our first re-enlistee arrived for duty here!! She is S/Sgt. Lena Feinman who was discharged last November and recently inducted in Los Angeles.

Pvt. Ann Yards and Cpl. N. J. Cozolino, both stationed at Letterman, who were married January 12, became civilians last month—Mrs. C. on March 30; Mr. C. on March 31st. . . . Since Mr. C. kept his wife waiting one day while he got his discharge, and she accepted the situation without complaint, he says he plans to follow this policy throughout their married life. They are leaving for L.A. this week where they will make their home.

Our new arrivals for this week are: S/Sgt. Ellen Ness, S/Sgt. Pauline Spires, and T/4 Helen Kelley and T/5 Iona Johnson from Birmingham General; and T/5 Rosemary Clemens from Ft. Crook, Nebraska.

General Educational Development Test, to find out where you stand and where you'll need to begin working to achieve the goal you want.

Remember—you'll never regret thinking ahead.



Seen enjoying those huge chocolate malted milk shakes at the PX were Lieuts. Natalie Walker and Virginia Warren. The idea that they are fattening didn't seem to bother them a bit!!

Lieuts. Joan McManus and Mary Steinkrauss are impatiently anticipating a visit from their mothers who are traveling from Massachusetts to spend a few days with their daughters next week. Sight-seeing tours of San Francisco are being planned for the itinerary.

Eighteen nurses from Letterman and Dante will "pack up their troubles in their old kit bags" as they head for points of separation this week, and "smile, smile, smile!"

Nurses are not immune to spring fever, as was apparent last Monday when the regular Monday night bridge games were put aside for other interests.

We regret to hear that Lieut. Eva Gress, whose mother is ill, is on an extended emergency leave. Her friends send their sincere wishes for her speedy recovery.

Enjoying their leisure hours at hard play were Lieuts. Mary O'Donnell and Elizabeth Feeley, seen bicycling around the Post last Sunday. Is this part of a re-streamlining program, or purely enjoyment?

It was to the "country" for Lieut. Lauretta Farinella, who enjoyed her leave by visiting her mother, who is from the east, and brother in his San Jose home.

Not divulging their plans for their leaves, Lieuts. Nina Newman and Agnes Williges packed their suitcases out the guarded gate this week. Some merry accounts of their free hours are anticipated when they return.

A statement made previously in this column that the Control Office is no more is corrected to: The Control Office is no longer on the second floor of the Administration Building. It is, however, very definitely carrying on on the main floor, where they moved during the rearranging of the nurses' administrative offices.

"I sometimes wonder if my husband has grown tired of me."

"Why?"

"Well, he hasn't been home in eight years."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, April 14, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Lenten Services:

Mass daily at 0600 and 0800.

Wednesdays—Rosary and Benediction at 1500.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 1500.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Passover

The following arrangements have been made for the observance of Passover, April 16 to April 23, 1946.

The first Seder will take place Monday evening, April 15, 7:00 p.m., at Fisher's Restaurant, 937 Webster Street, San Francisco. This entire restaurant has been taken over for the evening, exclusively for all hospital patients and personnel. You are cordially invited to attend. If married, bring your wife along. Admission to the Seder will be by tickets only. Admission cards may be obtained from Chaplain Robbins.

The second Seder will take place Tuesday evening, April 16. Those who are interested in the traditional observance of the second night will be assigned to Seders in the Bay Area or to home hospitality.

Colonel John R. Wright, Service Command Chaplain of the Ninth Service Command, presided at a conference for local chaplains held in the staff room at Letterman on Tuesday morning. Chaplain Wright gave a brief estimate of the situation as it affects chaplains at present and for the immediate future. The conference was then thrown open to questions of individual chaplains. The following chaplains who are stationed in this locality were present at the conference: Chaplain William C. Small, Patrick W. Rice, and William R. Shaw from the Presidio of San Francisco; Chaplain Joseph L. Gearhart from the Hospital Train Unit; Chaplain John H. Gentry from Fort Baker; Chaplain Clifford L. Musgrove from Fort Winfield Scott, and Chaplains T. L. McKenna, Albert F. Click, Frithjof W. Eide, Herman N. Benner, and Jerome Robbins, all of Letterman.

WAC OF THE WEEK



SHIRLEY MARILYN BURTON
Technician Fifth Grade

The office wherein hangs the "crying towel" for the patients at Dante Annex, the Detachment of Patients Office, contains one of the most attractive red heads known to the WAC Detachment, T/5 Shirley Burton.

Among her friends Shirley is never known by the common nickname of "Red", but rather as "Ginger." This may be true because her temperament is very smooth, and far from the fallacy that is known as the "redhead temper."

She was born in Cooper, South Dakota, attended high school in Rapid City, in the same state, and later attended Teacher's College for one year. Upon completion of this education, Shirley taught various subjects to pupils ranging from the first to eighth grades at the tender age of 18!! Extraordinary, you say? Yes, but that's the type of girl we find Ginger to be.

Succumbing to the desire for travel, Ginger went to Los Angeles where she worked in the office of the California Institute of Technology, and Army and Navy Experimental Center. The sentiment of the Christmas holidays finally forced her back to South Dakota, where she was a "happy but financially embarrassed visiting relative." It was at this time that she realized that everyone in her family but her was in the service, which prompted her to join the girls in uniform.

A brief resume of her Army history shows Shirley taking her basic at Ft. Oglethorpe and attending clerk school there. At Bushnell General Hospital she worked as librarian, and then came the trip to Letterman in January of this year. After three weeks she was transferred to Dante where she found a job to her liking, that of assisting in arranging furloughs, passes, etc.,

On and Off the Record With the Patients

The newest shipyard to be seen is on D-1, Alfred Rasmussen, President of the yard, and "Mac" Holcombe, assistant president, are looking for the best looking WAC to launch their latest ship.

One of our best critics is Norman Greer of D-1, who was assistant editor of G. I. papers in New Mexico and Miami: namely "The Luna Glow" and "The Gremlin." Up to date, Norm hasn't lost his nose for news.

A popular gentleman of ward D-1 is Jack Cole, who gets a host of "Souise American" visitors (female) and yet he can't speak a word of Spanish . . . they don't speak a word of English, either!!!

Knitting on schedule is Mervin Coburn of E-1, who is dubbed "Two blocks a day Merv." He's busy knitting an afghan of various colored blocks, and a nice job he's doing on it too!! In spite of the ribbing, he's sticking to his needles! He does his ribbing on the needles.

Walter Herrera of C-2 is an ardent Oakland baseball fan. After losing too many bets, however, he's beginning to lose patience and threatens to give the team some lessons on how to make a homer!

How does Norman Scheu know so much about women's stockings??? He can tell you the details on which gauge is the sheerest, and which shade the most popular. Although he claims it's because of his sisters, we wonder!!!

STOLEN—From M-1, suspected of being secreted in N-1—Stinky, property of Ed Seifert. When last seen, Stinky was reported to be more

and listening to the impatient patient's troubles.

Strictly the career woman, Ginger plans to attend a commercial art college either in New York or Los Angeles when she dons civilian clothes, and become an advertising artist. She has great ambitions for travelling and making a name for herself in her own rights as an artist. She's one of the few girls who just can't see herself tied down with "just housekeeping", and since she doesn't believe that business and pleasure can be successfully mixed, business it shall be. The two most startling facts about Ginger is that she "would stay in the Army before getting married," and she just lo-o-o-o-oves collecting beer labels!

than slightly inebriated. Committee composed of Ed Seifert, Armando Novelo and Harold Schindler promise a reward for Stinky's return, although they haven't stated what form the reward will take. Like Fuzzy-Wuzzy, Stinky wuz (and still is, we hope) a bear.

It isn't the song—it's the way it's sung! Sooo, when the "lady in red," Caroline Snowden, sang at the Variety Stage Show at the "Y" last Monday night, she really snowed the audience under! Caroline is of the stage and screen, natch'!

The one-arm ping-pong champ (so-titled only until that cast comes off!) of Ward 2 is Vernon Hughes. You'll find him over at the "Y" keeping in practice.

Hold everything!! After 42 days, James R. Hamilton of ward K-1 is shedding that huge cast—and anything is likely to happen around here.

On Ward C-2 Donald Leissner is busily making table mats for his pretty wife. Even with one arm in a cast, he's a speedy weaver!

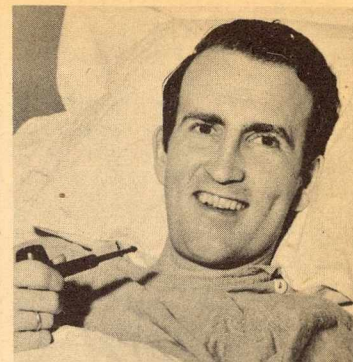
Everyone can look forward to a nice peaceful week to come while Russ Nunes now of Ward 18 takes off for his furlough to be spent in Oakland. With the San Francisco Bay between him and the hospital, anything can happen to Russ while we enjoy the calm before the storm (his return)!

Donald Artinez, the duck man (no, we aren't punning!) of Ward 18 is making quite a nice profit selling his cleverly made wool ducks, dogs, etc. With his talent, we wonder if he plans to go into a nationwide business along this line after his discharge!

Armando Novelo of M-1 is the subject of ward bachelor conferences after it was revealed that he will walk the matrimonial aisle with T/5 Mary Shelton on or about April 20th. With the license already in hand, the boys remind him of the care-free bachelor days that are almost gone forever—(say they!!)

Frank Cornell finally (and very modestly) admitted that he is the runner-up of the Bay Area Championship Table Tennis Tournament recently played in east Oakland. He's on ward K-2. Last year Frankie Kovacs, the tennis clown, won first place, which is now held by Joe Naines, who was table tennis champion of Lithuania. Congratulations, Frank!!!

ON THE SPOT



JOHN E. CONDAN
Private First Class

Similar to a globe trotter is Pfc. John Condan of Ward E-1, room 4, who was born in New York, raised in Canada, worked in Detroit, and adopted San Francisco as his home town! With the combination of army travel and his personal treks, John has really been around.

In March 1940 John enlisted in the army at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, spent five months at Fort McDowell, California, and went to Fort Shafter, Honolulu, T. H. for his basic training and coast artillery work. He arrived back in the States in the nick of time, barely escaping the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

After spending ten busy months on MP duty in San Francisco, John transferred to the Signal Corps, and holds the record for being the first signal man to operate switchboards and install telephones at Camp Stoneman. Later he joined the Signal Construction Group, building telephone lines in Nevada and California.

Transferring seems to have been his side-line, for again he joined another group, the 9th Armored Division, at Fort Riley, Kansas, and after pulling maneuvers in the Mojave Desert and Camp Polk, Louisiana, he shipped overseas. This was on August 19th in New York. Globe trotter John then went to England, France, and took part in the Battle of the Bulge December, 1944, at Luxembourg. His road back occurred when he was hit by a sniper just outside of Bastogne.

Leatherwork is John's hobby while hospitalized, but normally he enjoys skiing, hockey, swimming, and fishing in the great outdoors.

Just as soon as possible, John plans to attend Diesel Engineering school to prepare for the future for him and the Mrs. Where will he settle? Your guess is as good as any!

RECONDITIONING says

1. Being limited to the use of one hand need not discourage you from taking typing. In spite of a right hand injury Marshall Wollen, Ward N-2, has mastered the standard typewriter keyboard in a remarkably short time. And, don't you believe it's been a snap for him to train that LEFT hand of his to become proficient in writing real sentences. Won't be long though, before he'll be able to take care of his own personal correspondence via left-handed typing.
2. Mrs. Anne Harper, Board of Education teacher in Bldg. 1049 for the past 3 months, bade farewell to her typing and math classes yesterday. Mrs. Harper, who leaves San Francisco to make her home in Salinas, will be replaced by Mrs. Ruth Staley.
3. Having finished American History, Civics, and English through Educational Reconditioning class work, together with successful completion of GED tests, Sgt. John Hart, Ward 2, has met all requirements toward a high school diploma. Congratulations!
4. A new schedule of class work beginning Monday 15 April, will feature Business Arithmetic Mon., Wed., Fri. at 1400. Business English is slated for Tues. and Thurs. at 1400. Both of these classes will meet in Rm. 1, Bldg. 1049. Work in both these subjects will be set up in 3 week units.
5. While Board of Education Adult Education classes, under supervision of Educational Reconditioning Division, are primarily set up for patients, duty personnel are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity.
6. No classes will meet on Good Friday, 19 April.

Pfc.: "Every time I want to marry a girl for love, I find she has no money."

Sgt.: "So ya went to college, did ja?"

Pvt.: "Yes, Sergeant."

Sgt.: "What'd ya take?"

Pvt.: "Medicine."

Sgt.: "Didja feel better then?"

Merry Mary McFadden Has Penchant For Pixies and Leprechauns



MARY McFADDEN
Likes to blow The Fog Horn

The last issue of the Fog Horn, which was a super-duper of its kind, was largely the work of the new assistant in the Public Relations Office who doubles as assistant editor of our weekly paper. Lest we keep you in suspense, she is Mrs. Mary McFadden, who recently joined our staff.

Mary was converted from Chicago to California with a minor stopover in Seattle, Washington. After eight years here, she considers herself completely Californiac. Her background in the newspaper world makes her a valuable assistant editor of The Fog Horn. She attended Northwestern University in Chicago, specializing in journalism, and later worked on weekly and monthly publications and on Time Magazine. After her marriage, she came to the West Coast, where she and her husband had a weekly newspaper in California. After his death, Mary came to the Bay area and for a time worked in the Public Relations Branch for the California Quartermaster Depot. She edited their publication for civilian employees until the depot moved to Lathrop. It was

then that Mary was lured to join the Fog Horn staff.

It is traditional in every newspaper office to have a "whipping boy" and strictly between ourselves, the editor is very happy to have Mary in the immediate vicinity so that all lapses, typographical and otherwise, might be blamed on her.

In fact, the title of assistant editor is really "a euphemism."

Reading, writing, chatting, laughing, and more reading makes her happy. But above all else, Mary likes people. Her Irish sense of humor has already won her many friends at Letterman, and we can readily understand how she has been accused of being a bundle of Irish superstition. She can't deny her great fondness for pixies and leprechauns.

With a name like McFadden, it is a "natural" that her place of labor, where she spends so many hours every day, should be nicknamed "McFadden's Flats." Being Irish it is to be expected that Purdy the Pig and Kelly the Pixie would occupy positions of prominence in the office locale.

DANTE ANTICS

More than a hundred patients and hospital personnel from Dante Annex enjoyed a picnic last Sunday at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley. They had a fine time, a lot of good food, and an impromptu baseball game with Navy personnel who were also there on a picnic outing. Final score was Army—5; Navy—4. Among the camera fiends at the picnic were Captain Saul, Lt. John Maida, Lt. Jerry Hayes, "Jo" Johanson, Edna Goyan, Delores Dailey, Stan Whitehead and Lois Washburn.

Lt. Anastasia Fostick has as much fun munching hot dogs at the picnic as Lieutenants Elizabeth Bittner, Ruth Robertson and Mary Rapp had picking wildflowers on the hillsides.

Dante has another set of twins, it was discovered at the picnic—Yvonne and Becky Mauberet.

Best dressed officer at the picnic was Lt. John Keegan Lowe. People asked if he was in the process of reconversion.

Herman Reiss has returned to Dante after a short stay at Letterman.

Capt. Alfred Ramsey, British Army, is a new transfer from Letterman. His brother, Bill Ramsey, is also a patient here.

The bowling bug has struck Dante. Recently seen at the Broadway Bowl were Lt. Christine Kennedy, Delores Dailey, Everett Johanson and Jim Wasmund.

Farewells have been said to a number of recently discharged nurses: Lieutenants Myrtle Barnes, Edith Belknap, Agnes Barry, Justine Hain, Agnes Leonard, Edna Mattoon and Irene Swartzell.

We welcome Major William G. Whittaker to the staff at Dante. He replaces Captain Max Krakauer, who has been transferred back to Letterman.

Expected

Miss Helen Keller, famous and beloved American who has accomplished such remarkable feats in overcoming her physical handicaps, is expected to visit Letterman on Friday and Saturday of next week.

Then there was the fellow who went down to the Separation Center to apply for a divorce from his wife.

Girl: "What do you mean when you say that the dates you had with me were like a string of pearls?"

Sailor: "Necklace, my sweet, necklace!"

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

The many new faces about Letterman seem to be monopolized by the Occupational Therapy Branch as we welcome Laura Leland from Burbank, Doris Padilla from Walter Reed and on duty at Dante, Hazel Lande from San Pedro, and Marion Kierzek who transferred from Camp Adair, Oregon.

A big greeting was given Margaret Nichols, who is now over at the Radiological Branch. Margaret was recently separated from the Army Nurse Corps after serving overseas in the European Theatre.

Leaving on an extended motor trip is Catherine Bolden from the laundry. Her itinerary takes in Niagara Falls, and New York City, with the conclusion of her trip in Texas, where she will visit with her family before returning some time in May.

Our speedy recovery wishes go to Georgia Power from the Dental Branch, who is hospitalized this week due to a back injury.

Feeling quite rugged after a prolonged cold, Helen Lund from Civilian Personnel took time out to go picnicking last Sunday down the Peninsula.

Betty Strunk of Reconditioning Section enjoys a three day visit with her family in Oregon via the scenic Redwood Highway. A week's vacation with her family is in store for Elizabeth Cooper of the Occupational Therapy Branch, as she leaves this week for her home at Angels Camp.

Idella Kotler from the Dental Annex in the company of her husband took over the bridle paths of Golden Gate Park on some mighty fine steeds Sunday afternoon.

We regret to hear of the taxi accident which recently occurred involving Dorothy Lucian and Helen Smith. Helen is recuperating for a few days at home, and all will be greatly relieved when she is able to join us again.

Becky Garcia of the Chaplain's Office seen reading murder mysteries during her lunch period. Her days are a haze of murders!!

Races

A group of 125 Letterman patients went to the races at Bay Meadows Thursday, where they were the luncheon guests of William B. Kyne, manager of the track. Following the luncheon they were given special seats from which to view the races.

COLONEL LITTERAL WELCOMED BACK AFTER THREE YEARS OVERSEAS



Col. EMMETT B. LITTERAL
Chief, Neuropsychiatric Service

Col. Emmett B. Litteral returned to Letterman last week as Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, after a three-year absence. Since leaving here in 1942, Colonel Litteral has been Commanding Officer of the 80th General Hospital, except for a few months as base surgeon at Oro Bay, New Guinea.

The 80th General Hospital was organized at Camp White, Oregon, and Colonel Litteral began with a nucleus of 30 men. The hospital eventually comprised nearly 900 officers, nurses, enlisted men and attached units. After a period of organization and training, the hospital, then with a 1000-bed capacity, was taken overseas, to Milne Bay, New Guinea, in March 1944.

In March 1945, the 80th General Hospital was moved to the Philippines, and was finally located near Manila. There were frequently as many as 2000 patients, and the hospital served as an evacuation center for nearly three months, as the city had been captured only 30 days before the arrival of the unit, and the sick and wounded were coming in daily from nearby front lines.

The hospital was de-activated in December 1945, and Colonel Litteral

returned to the United States. After three months' post-graduate work at Langley-Porter Clinic, Psychiatric Division of the University of California Medical School, he came back to Letterman.

A veteran of World War I, Colonel Litteral returned to the Army in 1929 after his graduation from medical school at George Washington University, Washington, D. C. He has specialized in neurology and psychiatry, and during his years in the Army has been at Walter Reed Hospital, at several stations near New York, and at a station in Panama. His last tour of duty at Letterman was from 1938 to 1942.

He says he is very happy to be back, and that of all the places he has lived, San Francisco is his favorite. This praise in spite of the fact that upon his arrival at Hamilton Field by plane from Manila, he found the California breezes more than a bit chilly after his three years in tropical climates. He is just now beginning to find the weather balmy again.

Colonel and Mrs. Litteral are staying with friends here at present, but expect to be living on the post in the near future.



To Major and Mrs. George B. McKnight, a son, **Gerald George**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 2 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lorraine B. Talbert, a son, weight 8 pounds and 14 1/4 ounces, born 2 April.

To WOJG and Mrs. Charles Warren, a son, **Charles Clinton III**, weight 7 pounds and 1/2 ounce, born 3 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gerhard Jensen, a son, **Gary Norman**, weight 8 pounds and 14 ounces, born 3 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. David F. Brunsmann, a son, **David Francis Jr.**, weight 8 pounds and 4 ounces, born 4 April.

To Major and Mrs. Edward Verner, a son, **Edward Lawrence**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 5 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Henry L. Bergdall, a son, **Stephen Robert**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 6 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert A. Bidwell, a son, **William Charles**, weight 9 pounds and 12 ounces, born 6 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. James M. Ault, a son, **James Mase Jr.**, weight 6 pounds and 9 ounces, born 6 April.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. William Kerr, a daughter, **Vicki Ann**, weight 6 pounds and 14 1/4 ounces, born 6 April.

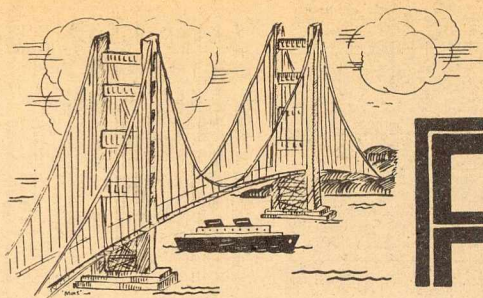
To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William C. Styslinger, a son, **William Casper III**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce, born 7 April.

Wedding Bells

Sgt. "Chuck" Adams of Physical Reconditioning claimed Miss Phyllis Wilkins of Portland, Oregon as his bride on April 3 at a twilight ceremony held in the Presidio Chapel. Chaplain (Captain) Herman Benner officiated, while Sgt. Jesse McCaleb and Mrs. McCaleb stood up for the couple. Mr. Charles Wise, formerly Staff Sergeant Wise, gave the bride away.

After Chuck is discharged from the service, which is anticipated at the end of the month, the newlyweds will make their home in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

The romance began as a result of a blind date when Chuck was stationed up north several months ago.



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Fourteen Army Hospitals to Close June 30

The War Department announced this week that it has scheduled for closing on June 30 twelve general hospitals and two convalescent hospitals because of decreases in the patient load and in the number of available trained medical personnel. Another general hospital will close on April 30.

Secretary of War Patterson said the closings were necessary in order "to make the fullest possible use of the diminishing staff of Army doctors, nurses and enlisted specialists throughout the service."

All patients will be removed from the following general hospitals by June 30 under present plans: Lowell, Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Rhoads, Utica, New York; Thomas M. England, Atlantic City, New Jersey; Kennedy, Memphis, Tennessee; Lawson, Atlanta, Georgia; Newton D. Baker, Martinsburg, West Virginia; Crile, Cleveland, Ohio; Gardiner, Chicago, Illinois; Borden, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Bushnell, Brigham City, Utah; Dibble, Menlo Park, California, and Ashford, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Deshon General Hospital at Butler, Pennsylvania, will close April 30. The two convalescent hospitals scheduled for closing June 30 are Welch, Daytona Beach, Florida, and Upton, Camp Upton, Yaphank, Long Island, New York.

Secretary Patterson was petitioned on April 8, by a group of amputees from England General Hospital during a visit to Atlantic City. They urged him to keep that hospital open until September 30. He said he had "reluctantly" reached the conclusion that it would be impossible for the Army to continue operation of this hospital beyond the June 30 deadline.

"The Army is faced with the necessity of cutting down its hospital program," Mr. Patterson said, "based on the much smaller number of patients to be cared for and also from the viewpoint of releasing to civilian life many of the military personnel

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Major General CHARLES R. REYNOLDS, U. S. Army, Retired Former Surgeon General of the Army, who retired in 1939, was a visitor at Letterman General Hospital this week. He is shown above talking with Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman (left) in the latter's office. General Reynolds, who is with the American College of Surgeons, came to the West Coast from Chicago for a series of sectional meetings sponsored by the college on new developments in surgery. He has attended the meetings in Salt Lake City, Portland and Los Angeles during the past fortnight.

GENERAL STILWELL TAKES OVER NSC

General Joseph Stilwell, Commanding General of the Sixth Army, based at the Presidio, was ordered by the War Department yesterday to assume temporary jurisdiction of the Ninth Service Command during the illness of Major General William E. Shedd.

Legion of Merit Award Presented To Gen. DeWitt

The Legion of Merit award was presented this week to Brig. Gen. Wallace DeWitt, former Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman. The award was given in the staff room at Letterman, with the hospital staff in attendance.

General DeWitt received the award "for services from February 1942 to June 1944, during which period, as Port Surgeon of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, he was charged with the automatic supply and fulfillment of urgent requisitions from bases that reached from Alaska through the Solomons to New Guinea, and he saw to it that there were no delays in discharging this responsibility. His knowledge of medicine and his executive ability created the superior standards of medical service displayed at this port."

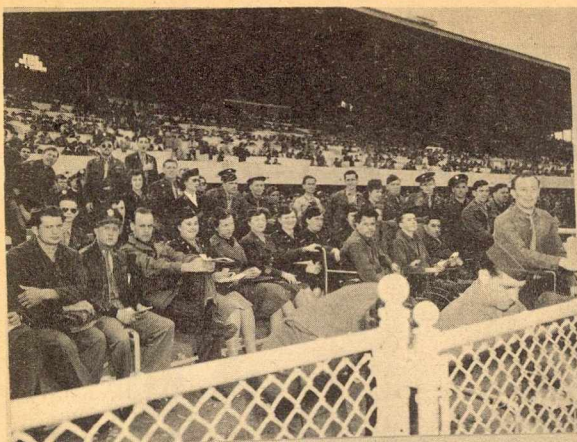
As commanding officer of Letterman during two tours of duty—from 1927-31 and 1941-42, General DeWitt is well known to the hospital personnel, and General Hillman, in his congratulatory remarks, stressed his pleasure in the fact that the award was presented here.

Three other awards were given here during the week. General Hillman, Colonel Brown S. McClintic, deputy commander, and Lt. Col. (Chaplain) Thomas L. McKenna, received the Army Commendation Ribbon for "meritorious services contributing to the successful accomplishment of the mission of Letterman General Hospital."

Headquarters of the Sixth Army here said General Stilwell will direct the Ninth Service Command through his deputy chief of staff, Major General George P. Hays, who has gone to Fort Douglas, Utah.

General Shedd has been admitted to Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham, Utah, for observation.

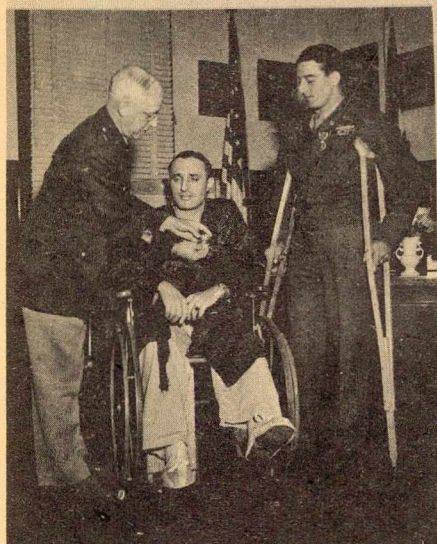
Around And About With The Letterman Cameraman



AT BAY MEADOWS
on Letterman Day



THEIR BETS
Must have paid off



AWARDS FOR HEROISM
Go to Pfc. Frank E. Soto and
Pfc. Ralph B. Swanson. Pre-
sented by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hill-
man



LEGION OF MERIT AWARD
To Brig. Gen. Wallace DeWitt.
L to R: Brig. Gen. C. C. Hill-
man, Gen. DeWitt, Capt. Wal-
lace DeWitt, Jr.



COMMENDATION RIBBONS
Received by both Brig. Gen. C.
C. Hillman and Col. Brown S.
McClintic



PATIENTS ENJOY MUSIC
Of Henry King and his or-
chestra from the Mark
Hopkins, playing at a Let-
terman Patio Party

DECORATED
By Brig. Gen. C. C. Hill-
man with the Army Com-
mendation Ribbon — Maj.
Lee Inman, Maj. Cleo E.
Rumsey, WOJG William R.
Tubbs



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EDITORIAL

EASTERTIDE

Tomorrow the Christian world will commemorate the resurrection from the dead of the Divine Founder of Christianity.

That commemoration will be joyous in nature in keeping with the joy of His contemporaries on that first Easter morn when He proved His divine origin by coming back to life after three days in the tomb.

The teachings of Christ have been with us ever since His day and in the passing centuries have lost none of their eminent qualities. Christ was hailed as the Prince of Peace and in that role he gave to men the formula for everlasting peace in His precepts.

Since the days of Christ there have been many wars, and each succeeding war is greater than those which have gone before. After each war mere men sit about the council table and play the part of peace maker. But at no peace table has the Prince of Peace ever been given a seat or a voice. So there has been no lasting peace.

In the near future there will be another Peace Conference begin its sessions. This time it will consist of the United Nations and the desire for lasting peace should have a part in the deliberations. It will be a time when the benediction of our Heavenly Father might well be called down on the gathering.

This Eastertide comes to a world without war for the first time in many years. For that reason it will be a season of joy

WAC

By Bette Byers

Surprise of the month! When Mary Chamberlain took a three-day pass last week, no one knew, nor even suspected that she would return to the Post as Mrs. Jim Liles. The ceremony took place in the Lakeside Chapel in San Francisco on April 10, with Mrs. Chamberlain, Captain Stephenson and Mrs. Stephenson witnessing the rites. M/Sgt. Opal Borders was her maid of honor. Sgt. Jim Liles, who requires no introduction, has left the physical reconditioning department of the gymnasium for Camp Beale, and soon will return as a civilian. The couple will eventually make their home in Cadiz, Ohio, Jim's home town.

Bound for Spring furloughs this week are T/4 Cora Holton, who is going 'waaaaay back to Florida for a family visit; and T/4 Dorothy Dodge and Sgt. Mary Russo, who are taking a little jaunt to Berkeley where they will have time to enjoy the attack of spring fever.

Camp Beale claimed too many of our girls as eligible civilians this week. Through the Letterman guarded gates passed Rose LePore, Dolores Maas, Audrey Martin, Gertrude Shaffer, Hazel Cann, Jean Welch, Marjorie Kramer, Alice Hanell, Anita Halle, and Betha Mowery. Edith Bickel was the sole purchaser of a ticket to Ft. Dix, New Jersey, where she will receive her discharge.

Congratulations are again in order for promotions. This time we find the happy recipients to be Eleanor Eaton who graduated from Staff to Technical Sergeant, and Elizabeth Williamson who went from T/4 to Staff Sergeant.

From Fort Eustis, Virginia came T/3 Lenora Duling. She has been added to the Occupational Therapy staff . . . formerly worked in a station hospital.

T/5 Rosetta Willmore, who has been quite ill with bronchial pneumonia at Dante will soon be transferred to Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado for further treatment. She will return to Letterman as soon as she has recovered sufficiently, which we sincerely hope will be in the very near future. All of us wish her a speedy recovery, and shall be looking forward to the day when she will be up and about with us again.

If you read "Since You Went Away," or if you saw the movie, you'll want to read Margaret Buell Wilder's "Hurry Up and Wait." It tells what happened afterward, what happened to Anne herself, and what happened to Tim, Jan, Brig, Tony, and the dogs. In the Library.

to the Christian world. May it also be a time when man will give more than lip service to the Prince of Peace.



by Bette Byers

Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley was the scene of gaiety last Friday as thirty nurses turned out for their spring picnic. A beautiful drive and delicious refreshments added to the enjoyment of the day, and a good time was had by all.

On her two-day leave, Major Ann A. Benton of the Assistant Chief Nurse's Office enjoyed a visit with relatives in Sacramento.

Lieut. Margaret Becker and Virginia Jackson are taking a sentimental journey to their homes in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin during their two weeks' leave.

Enjoying a refreshing weekend at Lake Tahoe were Captains Elizabeth Foster and Virginia Sanderson. Although it's spring in San Francisco, it's still winter up north, which gave both nurses a chance to don ski shoes and take to the mountain slopes.

Lieut. Doris N. Trotter left for Ft. Sam Houston, Texas this week to receive her discharge from the ANC. Among her exciting plans for the future is an early marriage. Lots of luck and happiness to you!

Welcome to the six nurses who recently reported in from the hospital ship S. S. Republic, which is being decommissioned.

It is reported that more nurses are making plans to join the exercising class given at the gym, where many nurses are already spending much free time. It's work and play combined, and everyone seems to have a wonderful time. Sooo, why don't you join the fun, too????

That far-away look in the eyes of Captain Louise V. Christman is due to her newest interest . . . flying lessons. That's one way to raise your morale!

As you enter the Assistant Chief Nurse's Office, the wonderful fragrance is not due to the beautiful flowers adorning the desk, but comes instead from behind Major Eileen Brady's shell-like ear. It's one of her favorite perfumes . . . Bergdorf Goodman No. 9.

No Easter bonnets are on display, but there is constant talk of them in the Nurses' Quarters. Spring has sprung, and unlike men, women's fancy turns to thoughts of beautifully colored clothes.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, April 21, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Lenten Services:

Mass daily at 0600 and 0800.

Wednesdays—Rosary and Benediction at 1500.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 1500.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Current Events

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1400 the Information Officer speaks on the hospital public address system in a discussion of World Affairs and current Army news items of interest to the enlisted men.

In addition to this, each night in the week with the exception of week-ends, men from the businesses and professions come out to the hospital to speak in the wards to the men on the job opportunities and the current status of their particular professions. They speak and discuss such topics as commercial aviation, electronics, refrigeration, restaurant operation, and so forth. The nights on which these men will meet with the patients and their subjects are announced on the talks given by the Information Officer and also by the Red Cross workers in the wards.

Speaking Class

In answer to numerous requests for classes in public speaking for patients and detachment personnel, the Reconditioning Service has arranged for instruction on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m. in building 1049.

The course is outlined as a very informal one, giving inexperienced speakers an opportunity to begin with very simple talks and learn gradually to gain ease and confidence in oral expression.

Corporal Alfred Larr, educational counselor, who taught speech at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., prior to induction, and until recently served as speech therapist on ward 26, plans to use voice recording for personal speech analysis and to point out any faulty speech habits that should be corrected.

ON THE SPOT



HYMAN HARNICK
Corporal

The bright red tie started everything! When Cpl. Hyman Harnick of C-1 spotted Henry King's drummer's tie when Henry King and his orchestra played at the hospital last week, it was the one thing in life he wanted—at that moment. So, he requested it, and it was promised to him—after the show. Much to his chagrin, after the show, the drummer decided that ties were ties, and besides what could Hyman do with it? The violinist came to the rescue. "You promised it to him!" he roared. "Okay," said the drummer, "you give him yours, and I'll keep my word." With that, Hyman became the new possessor of two loud civilian cravats. Whistling and waving the newly acquired objects as he walked down the ramp, he was spotted by Henry King, who promptly presented Hyman with his own tie to add to the collection!

Hyman is well known throughout the hospital for his quick wit and his skill in turning out music from ordinary spoons. Added to his other talents, he likes to play the piano, and acts as MC on various programs. He has taken part in Kay Kayser, Red Skelton and Eddie Cantor's shows, and in the next two weeks you will see him performing at the "Y".

During his civilian life, Hyman formed an air raid warden's service, and was sector commander. From this he started an organization collecting funds to purchase a flag for men in the service from the Phelan Place neighborhood of the Bronx, New York. It was a very successful campaign. At the dedication ceremony at which Hyman was MC, the service flag was presented in Phelan Place, bearing 164 stars. To add to the success story, \$90,000 worth of bonds were sold at this time.

After the dedication of the flag, in order to continue the organization,

On And Off The Record
With The Patients

by Bette Byers

Why does Hood Harris of D-1 spend sooo much of his time at PT?? Could it be his work with inanimate objects he is interested in . . . or a very much alive subject????

Leo Kesel of M-1 has had fourteen transfusions, some of them he is sure contained blood donated by women. Thinking for some length of time about the whole situation. Leo said in bewilderment, "When I finally get out of bed I won't know whether to wear a skirt or trousers!"

Chung Hoy of C-2 had a run of phenomenal luck this week. After losing twelve straight pinocle games to Paul Culley and Francis Kelley, he finally won the thirteenth!

The vera vera clever picture on the kitchen door of B-1 instructing patients to "keep out" is the art of Ralph Hirte of that ward!

Heading for Grand Rapids for a very long-awaited furlough is Carl Rothe of C-1, who will spend thirty days with his family.

The art of perfection on bill-folds and key cases can be taught by Vincent Failla of E-1. Although he has just begun to indulge in this hobby, he has that professional finish on all of his work.

Three of the Bay Meadows fans can be found on ward 42. Although Raymond Coe, Howard Mitchell and John Torz wouldn't think of missing that trip to the tracks, it is noted with surprise that they all return with their shirts still on!

Ralph Swanson of ward 14 is off on a five-day furlough to his home in Los Angelse to enjoy the Easter holidays. We wonder if the li'l yarn dog he's carrying is a peace token or just a thoughtful gift.

William James, of M-1, is now a past master at cutting out paper dolls, which hang down from that

neighbors donated twenty-five cents per week to make it possible for gift packages to be sent to the boys in the service every month. By the time Hyman received his government greeting card, the organization which he founded became a thriving association known as the Phelan Service Flag Committee. Upon his departure for the service, Hyman became an honorary member. The club continued throughout the years, and is now a social organization for returning veterans—and all of the men have returned—except Hyman!

Balkan frame and crazily swirl around when there's the slightest breeze. Said he's practiced cutting up for a long time, and we believe it.

Found—Stinky, the bear! 'Of all places, he was in the Nurses' Quarters . . . resting up . . . and should I add sobering up . . . to go on furlough with his master, Ed Seifert.

The patients on K-2 are complaining of a drop in their morale. It's lower than a worm's, they claim, and it's all due to the fact that WAC technicians are a thing of the past on that ward now. . .

The shortest but not sweetest story ever told comes from Thomas Fennell of E-1 . . . after a little persuasion, he'll confess as to how he broke his arm . . . We reserve the right to be quoted!!

After making a few transfers to other wards, Dinsel "Tex" Leonard has returned to E-1 to entertain his buddies once again with his geeetar and forlorn cowboy songs.

In E-1 we have found the "personality kid" who is little fourteen month old Rita Gail, daughter of Robert Eberhart. She's the most popular visitor in the ward, and everyone looks forward to the little girl's trips to see her daddy.

Herman Olson on F-1 is very proud of himself and his new hobby—he's a new addition to the list of amateur model airplane builders.

A great many of those gorgeous satin-covered sweetheart Easter cards in the PX were bought by the patients on F-1. That reminds us of the favorite toast . . . "Here's to our wives and sweethearts . . . may they never meet!"

Added to the list of patients who were able to get their 30-day furloughs and are spending the Easter holidays at home are Joseph Clavin, who trained it to Illinois; Stanley Schwartz on a shorter trip to Redlands, California; and DeVere Hadfield, who practically walked to his home in Berkeley. Lucky, aren't they?

For those who have been slightly interested in the trip to Mt. Davidson and the Sunrise Services on Easter morning, take our advice and don't miss the trip. It will be an event you'll always remember, and well worth your efforts, regardless of the early hour! This comes from one who knows from experience—not hearsay.

WAC OF THE WEEK



TILLIE MACIEJEWSKI
Staff Sergeant

She's different. She likes to walk through the woods, go on long bicycle rides, knit, read, and dance, although she's too shy to go to a post dance alone. She's quick to find an idea amusing, and laughs easily; the kind of laughter which is catching so that you laugh, too. She's witty and intelligent, but very reserved. And, she has a twin brother. If you haven't guessed by now, we'll have to tell you. We are describing Staff Sergeant Tillie Maciejewski, who is a stenographer in the Sergeant Major's Office.

Tillie admits that the thought of traveling induced her to join the WACs. Her trips to Des Moines, El Paso, Spokane, and San Francisco have satisfied this gypsy desire to some extent, but not completely. Already she is contemplating a trip to New York so that her civilian career, that of becoming a model, can be realized. She certainly has qualifications for the job, with her 5'8" of grace. Her Polish accent would fascinate any customer, as it does all of us who have heard it.

She's sentimental and shows it when she gets that far-away look in her eyes as she talks of Baxter General Hospital, where she most enjoyed being stationed, and her best girl friend, who joined the WACs with her. They went through basic and two assignments together before taking separate Army paths.

Tillie's parents are from Warsaw, Poland, and her first six years of education were received in a Polish school in Hamtramck, Michigan, her home town. To this, and the fact that a great deal of family conversation is carried on in Polish, Tillie attributes her accent. Although she is very self-conscious about it, we like it—and it's another thing that adds to Tillie's individuality.

DANTE ANTICS

Have you seen the flashy ties that Hank Anaya and Andy Pappish are showing around the hospital? They were gifts from the personnel on ward 303.

Cpl. Margaret Whitacre of the photo lab at Letterman is flying around faster than ever after a week spent as a patient at Dante.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cary, ARC assistant field director at Dante since the early part of January, is leaving Dante and the ARC to make her new home in Arizona. We welcome Miss Maxine Muchnic to Dante as the new Assistant ARC Field Director.

Lt. Col. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., Assistant Executive Officer, is away on a two-week leave.

Sgt. Howard Dunfield, ward 303's redhead, has returned from furlough, and judging from outward appearances, it did him a lot of good. "Candy Miller", ward 301, has returned from a pleasant four weeks spent in Mexico City, San Diego and Catalina Island.

More of Dante's detachment 'old-timers' are leaving this week. Among them are Henry Anaya, J. M. Byrnes, John Tereinski, James Heslop, Kenneth Myles, Leroy Shupe, Frank Bellino, Andrew Pappish, Robert Oodman, Robert Boyette, Jack Lair, Armand Marino, Chas. Scudmore, H. Blevins, Vito Petrotta, Rosario Bergeron, A. Seskin, H. Hammersley, and George Gary.

Chris Hermann, ward 202, celebrated his birthday this week-end for the occasion his friends presented him with a recording of "Happy Birthday".

Lt. Ruth Waddell is among those who go to the LGH pool for swimming lessons.

T/4 Charles Meyers, the chaplain's assistant, had something when he decided to spend Holy Week in bed as a patient.

Capt. Mary Lohr says "jalopy" does not describe her automobile.

We are happy to have Marion Haskell as the "Female Feature" this week in our favorite paper, the Foghorn.

"Baseball reminds me of the household," he remarked. "There's the plate, the batter, the flies, and so on."

"And it reminds me of marriage," his wife retorted. "First the diamond when they are engaged, then the hits, then the men going out, and finally the difficulty getting home."

SHE DRIVES DAILY TO DANTE AND DELIGHTS IN HER DUTIES



Miss MARION HASKELL
Takes on anything from a jeep to a truck.

Low voice, thoughtful brown eyes, and a charming manner are just a few of the assets of Marion Haskell, who is one of the favorites among the drivers in the Motor Pool at Letterman.

At present she is on the messenger run between the main hospital and Dante Annex, and she makes the trip six times daily. "I like my job so much I miss it on my days off," she says. "And that's not a believe-it-or-not, it's a believe-it." She drives anything from a 2½-ton truck to a jeep, but her present run is usually a sedan or an ambulance.

Marion, who lives with her parents here in San Francisco, was born in California. She had a good deal of variety in schools: went to the Ursuline Academy in Napa Valley, Santa Barbara Girls' School, Miss Burke's School in San Francisco, and was graduated from Miss Hamlin's School here.

She was head of the window display department at Ransohoff's for three years. "That was fun, although I did lie awake nights dreaming up color schemes and planning what I'd use in the windows."

She worked for Allied Relief, and

was hostess at the Junior Officers' Club and the Army-Navy Club. When she first came to the Presidio, over three years ago, she did cost accounting for the Post Engineer. Then she transferred to Letterman to her present job, and has been on that for a year and a half.

Marion has a lot of outside interests—she enjoys horseback riding, swimming, does Hawaiian dancing, likes music (she plays the piano, but says she doesn't do it enough to be called a pianist). More likes are clothes and traveling; the country; the four seasons—doesn't play favorites; real people; animals—she has a black Persian cat.

She takes occasional courses at the University of California, because she thinks it prevents "cerebral anemia." The last she completed were Philosophy and Psychology. She likes to read, and particularly enjoys Persian poetry.

"I have no special ambition," Marion says. "I want to take time to live and enjoy all the things that shouldn't be missed."

When you see her, be sure to notice the ring she wears—a diamond and rubies in a distinctive platinum setting.

RECONDITIONING says

1. Since all high school students must pass "English A" before entering a California College, those interested in reviewing English fundamentals, including spelling, grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation may sign for a class meeting Mondays and Wednesdays 1500-1600. Special tutors will be available for ward patients.
2. Individual instruction in Physics, Chemistry, Latin, Plane and Solid Geometry, Trig, Calculus and German will be arranged for patients expressing an interest and desire to make good use of their time at Letterman General Hospital.
3. New music classes are being organized under the supervision of this office. Lessons may be taken on all instruments including piano. There will be classes in theory and appreciation.
4. A special article on Public Speaking instruction appears elsewhere in this issue.
5. Don't forget that credit will be given for instruction (if you pass, of course).

MORE ABOUT ARMY HOSPITALS

(Continued from Page 1)

employed in Army hospitals. These factors require concentration of treatment in those places where the best professional and administrative services are available for the largest number of patients.

"To make the fullest possible use of the diminishing staff of Army doctors, nurses and enlisted specialists throughout the service, many of whom are already overdue for release to civilian life under existing regulations, the Army must consolidate its hospital activities in fewer installations. There is no alternative."

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, said that a recent survey of patients now in general hospitals showed that adequate facilities will remain to house comfortably all the patients after the above-mentioned hospitals are closed. From a maximum patient load of 312,000 in all hospitals as of August, 1945, the number has declined to 129,000 as of March 1, 1946. The reduction will insure prompt treatment of patients requiring specialists' care by specialized medical personnel still in service.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Mary Johnson of EENT Branch was at the pier last Thursday to see the Lurline sail for the Islands. Her twin sister, Martha, ex-Army nurse, left for Hilo, where she will resume her duties in one of the hospitals there.

It seems good to have Marybelle Cameron back again after an extended illness.

Charles Johnson, genial night janitor in the World Events Room and other subterranean offices, is back at work again after several weeks in Oak Knoll Hospital, where he underwent an operation.

McCoy Jones, another of the night microbe exterminators, on duty in the Out-Patient Branch, is recovering from a fractured ankle. He has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Recent addition to the staff in the Registrar's office is petite Mary Hook.

Last week Helen Dietz of the Registrar's office had to do more listening than talking, and it was quite an ordeal, they say. She had laryngitis.

Jean Beaver of the Out-Patient Branch left Friday for a few days, expecting to meet the Easter Bunny in Carmel.

The Jones sisters, Helen of the Library and Nancy of the Red Cross, returned Monday after a few days spent with their family in Nevada. The weather was beautiful—no snow.

Speaking of Spring and Rings, Marion Amberg is about to dive into this marital-madness business. Her fiancé is Capt. Reg Breach, and the wedding day will be May 11.

Helen Keller Visits Patients At Letterman

Helen Keller, famous blind and deaf writer and lecturer, visited patients at Letterman General Hospital yesterday, and was the guest of Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman and his staff at luncheon.

During the afternoon she spoke with patients on the wards, and later addressed ambulatory patients and duty personnel of the hospital at the "Y."

This morning Miss Keller is at Dante Annex, and is giving an address there at 11 a.m.

Stranger: "Is there any objection to parking all night in this town?"

Native: "Every girl I ever spoke to about it has objected."

COLONEL K. R. ERNST IS BACK AT LETTERMAN AFTER 16 YEARS



Col. K. R. ERNST
Chief, Laboratory Section

When Col. K. R. Ernst was last on duty at Letterman, he was an interne. This time, sixteen years later, he is Chief of the Laboratory staff, and very glad to be back, he says. He even found two of his former co-workers still here—Master Sergeant Vaughn Yoemans and William Day, formerly in the Army but now a civilian employee here.

Colonel Ernst came to Letterman after he was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1930, and was a reserve officer when he interned here. He entered the Regular Army in 1931, and left Letterman in 1932 for the Army Medical School in Carlisle, Pa. In 1933 he was assigned to duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and remained there for five years.

He was at Scofield Barracks in the Hawaiian Islands from 1939 to 1941, returning to the States shortly before Pearl Harbor for an assignment in New Orleans. In March 1942 he became commanding officer of the 2nd Medical Laboratory, Fort

Sam Houston, Texas, and in December of that year went overseas. He arrived in Casablanca on Christmas Eve, and spent his first night there sleeping on Arab straw, because the bedding was still aboard ship.

As CO of the 15th Evacuation Hospital, and later of the 56th Evacuation Hospital, attached to the 5th Army, Colonel Ernst saw service in North Africa and Italy. The last operational setup was in Udine, Italy, in support of divisions covering the Trieste area after the official end of the war in Italy. He returned to the U. S. in October 1945, and has been at the Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C., until his return to Letterman last week.

In his off-duty hours Colonel Ernst has woodworking and photography for pastimes. At present he and his family, consisting of his wife Norma, his daughter, Mary Ellen, and his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Ernst, are living in Sausalito. The Ernsts have another daughter, Lorelee, who is married and lives in Denver.



To Capt. and Mrs. Jack Hylton, a daughter, **Judith Kay**, weight 6 pounds and 9½ ounces, born 9 April.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Samuel Kline, a daughter, **Mary Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 9 ounces, born 11 April.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Finnesey, twin daughters, weight 3 pounds and 14½ ounces, and 4 pounds and 5¼ ounces, born 13 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph L. Williams, a daughter, **Kathleen Gay**, weight 7 pounds and 3 ounces, born 13 April.

To CWO and Mrs. William G. Fields, a son, **Jan**, weight 6 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 14 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Horace L. Barnes, a daughter, **Katherine Mary**, weight 6 pounds and 5 ounces, born 14 April.

Camera Fiends

Pack up your cameras and come on down to the Occupational Therapy Shop. Yes, sir, we have just what you've been waiting for—a dark room, equipment that is fast being accumulated to make it A-1 complete—and—very important—an instructor. Mrs. Simmons, a civilian volunteer, is at the shop each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon ready to answer your questions, solve your problems, and show you any technique of photography you desire. If you're only a beginner, it makes no difference—if you want to learn the rudiments of photography, just bring yourself to Bldg. 1062, and we'll show you the rest.

And if you haven't a camera, don't let that stop you—we have several, good box cameras just for your use.

It's a good opportunity to acquire that "professional touch"—and for subjects San Francisco is a photographer's paradise. You, too, may have pictures of artistic quality—may learn to capture the splendid dignity of the Golden Gate Bridge, the colorful Latin Air of Fisherman's Wharf, the mystery and charm of China Town—or for that matter the waterfront wonders of Crissy Field right here on the Presidio. Or, how about the smilin' charm of a Miss San Francisco?

Star-Gazing

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., is back in pictures, and will star in RKO's Technicolor film "Sinbad the Sailor." Welcoming him back, Producer Stephen Ames said, "Well, Doug, are you in the pink?"

"No," said Fairbanks, "I'm in the red. That's why I'm back in pictures."

They gave a party for Al Jolson at the Columbia studios in Hollywood to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the day when as a boy in knee pants he first entertained a theatre audience. He got \$1 from the master of ceremonies that day, and with it he bought a cane as a birthday gift for his father. He says he has always regretted his generosity, because a few days later his father used the cane to punish him when he played hookey from school to sing in another theatre.

Barry Fitzgerald was 59 years old recently and he received a belated birthday present from Elliot Nugent, now directing Fitzgerald and Bing Crosby in Paramount's "Welcome Stranger." Nugent told Fitzgerald he was going to make him a present of an opportunity to sing with Bing. "That's the best present I've received," said Barry. "I've always known I was a better singer than Crosby and I'm grateful to you for giving me this chance to prove I'm right."

Paulette Goddard has a sentimental touch in her new picture "Suddenly It's Spring." Her role is that of a WAC captain, and when in uniform she wears on her shoulders the silver bars worn by her husband, Burgess Meredith, when he was a captain in the AAF.

Lizabeth Scott, who doesn't often give parties and is getting to be known as a Hollywood recluse, was jolted out of her inactivity by her new telephone. She applied for it a year ago and was so happy to get it that she invited 10 guests to a "telephone party," and they're going to toast the telephone with champagne. Okay, as long as they don't try to give the telephone a drink, too.

Bill Williams of RKO got involved in an atom bomb discussion on the set one day recently. "Looks like atomic energy is here to stay," said Bill. "But—are we?"

Did you read and enjoy "A Place in the Sun" by Frank Fenton? Then you'll want to read his new one, "What Way my Journey Lies." It is a tale of truth, which is witty at times and of no little vision, relating how John Norman came back wounded from the war and, after many tries, found what he wanted. In the Library.



HELEN UHL

And besides looking like that, she skates! Patients will get a chance to see her in a performance of the St. Moritz Ice Revue to be given April 23 at Iceland, in Berkeley. This performance is being given for ambulatory cases in Bay Region hospitals, and the San Francisco USO Council is arranging for as many patients to attend as transportation will permit. Ballets, solos, and comedy sketches are features of the revue, all by top-flight skating stars, and all on ice. Letterman patients who wish to attend may sign up by contacting Special Services. There's not much time left April 23 is next Tuesday.



Sure feels good to be back in something that fits.

Found!

When S/Sgt. Stuart W. Bailey, patient on Ward M-1, got a phone call this week and a strange voice asked if he had lost anything, he thought it was a rib. He said no, but the voice asked him to think it over, and call back if he discovered a loss.

He did call—in person and fast—having discovered that his wallet was gone. Bruce Skarstad, civilian employe in the Sergeant Major's office, had found the wallet, and knew the owner would be anxious to have it back, because it contained \$50 and a ring. Bruce picked it up in a telephone booth, and says the moral is: "Never take more money with you than you need for your phone call."

So S/Sgt. Bailey found his wallet and an honest man.



First Baseman Ulysses (Tony) Lupien, 1938 Harvard baseball captain and Navy veteran, and the Philadelphia Phillies, may be involved in the first test case of national prominence concerning a veteran's right to his former job.

Lupien, sold to the Hollywood Stars of the Pacific Coast League on February 13 by the Phillies, disclosed that he has invoked the GI Bill of Rights in correspondence with Commissioner Happy Chandler to support his claim that he has a right to a year's employment with the Phillies. Chandler, however, avoided a direct ruling.

The 28-year-old ball player, who reported to the Phillies last September after his discharge from the Navy, played 15 games and batted .315. In 1944 he played 153 games for the Phillies and hit .283.

Lupien said: "I love to play baseball. It's my livelihood and I want to keep on playing. But I want to remain in the majors."

The former Harvard baseball and basketball star went to Philadelphia last month to see Herb Pennock, the club's general manager, to "find out what my status was since I hadn't received any contract and hadn't heard from them." Pennock informed him he planned some changes, hinting that Lupien would be sold.

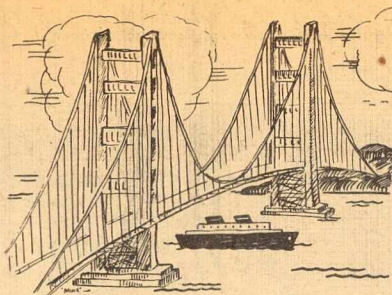
The former Phillies' first baseman then wrote to Commissioner Chandler and followed up with a wire for a ruling, because he figured he was entitled to remain with the Philadelphia team for at least a year under the selective service law. "I finally received a letter from Chandler's assistant, Muddy Ruel, that the sale was in order," said Lupien.

Last December the Phillies bought First Baseman Frank McCormack, who was classified 4-F during the war, from the Cincinnati Reds.

Lupien worked his way up through the Boston Red Sox chain after his graduation in 1938 and was sold to the Phillies in April, 1944. He had no definite plans now for pressing the matter until he hears from the Hollywood club.

Blub!

Manila (CNS)—Lubrication for Army parties in Manila is being supplied by 1000 cases of Australian beer, recovered by Navy divers from a ship that went down off North Borneo last August. Sea slime covered the bottles but the contents (twice as strong as American brew) were undamaged.



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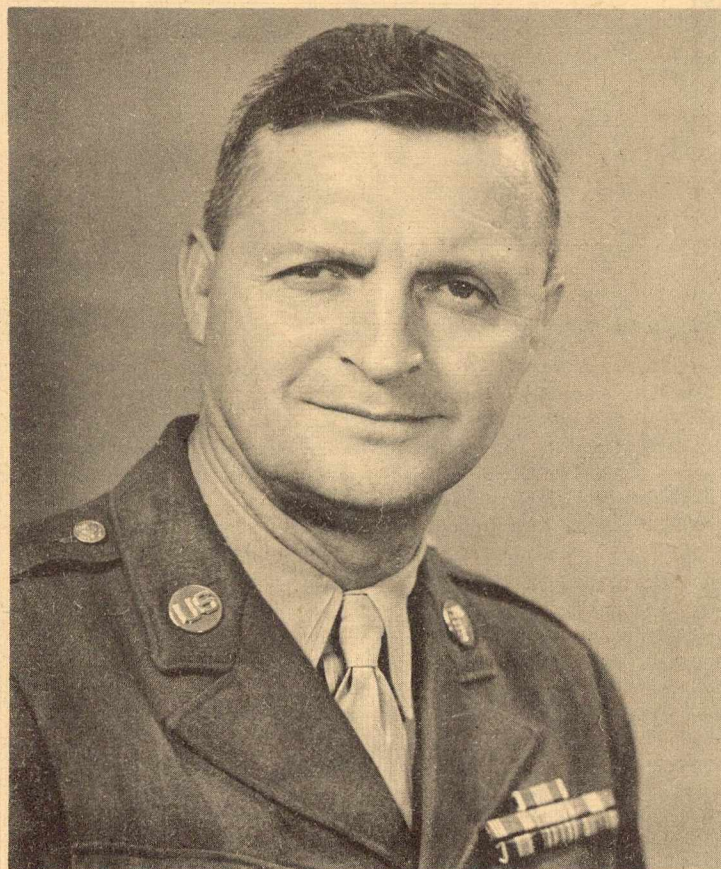
M-Sgt. Henry Kuntz Leaves Letterman After 15 Years Here

Letterman will regretfully lose Master Sergeant Henry Kuntz next week. He has been assigned to duty here since 1931, and during those 15 years has won many friends and has even been referred to as "the indispensable man" around the hospital. He has now, in the course of enlistments divided between the Army and the Marine Corps, accumulated that 30 years necessary for retirement.

"I'm retiring from the Army, but I'm not retiring from work," he says. He begins his three-month terminal retirement furlough May 1, and is planning a trip to Rocky Mountain National Park with his wife and her family. He's looking forward to doing mountain climbing as well as resting. When they return, and he gets caught up with some work he wants to do at home, he's going to start in on a civilian job—the retirement is just temporary.

Sergeant Kuntz is a native of Zurich, Switzerland, and came to the United States when he was 17. He worked in a steel mill in Canton, Ohio; spent some time in the Dakotas, harvesting, then in 1915 joined the Army, and was with Pershing on the Mexican border. The next year he was with the 34th Infantry at Fort Bliss, Texas, and in 1917 went overseas with the 64th Infantry to France. He returned to the U. S. in 1919, and after his discharge re-enlisted in the 161st Motor Truck Company and went to Fort Funston, Kansas.

He was out of the service for a time after his next discharge, but re-enlisted, this time in the Marine Corps, in 1921, and served 18 months in the Philippines. In 1924



Master Sergeant HENRY KUNTZ
Who will retire May 1

he went to Peking, China, as a member of the Legation Guard, and after his discharge in 1927 he went back to the Army. This time his assignment was in Alaska with the 7th Infantry at Chilcoot Barracks, and he was there for three years.

He enlisted in the Medical Corps in 1931, and was sent to Letterman. He was on guard duty for a year, then after eight years in the receiving office, he was assigned to police and personnel, and has been in charge of that group since July 1942.

After all those around-the-world assignments, Sergeant Kuntz wanted to settle down and make a home, and on September 16, 1933, he was married. He and his wife Winnifred have their own home here in San Francisco, on 16th Avenue. Gardening is one of Mrs. Kuntz's hobbies, and they have a lovely garden. She enjoys painting and photography, too. Sergeant Kuntz likes fishing and bowling.

He's a California fan, and he ought to know, having sampled a lot of other places.

Col. Westray Boyce, Director of WAC, Visits Letterman

Col. Westray Battle Boyce, Director of the WAC, arrived at Letterman this week from Washington, D. C. on a routine visit. She was accompanied by WOJG Irene F. Scott. Colonel Boyce will be on the West Coast for the next ten days, visiting Army installations where WAC detachments are stationed.

Capt. E. L. Stephenson, commanding officer of the WAC detachment at Letterman, conducted Colonel Boyce on her tour of the hospital. Shortly after the colonel's arrival she had dinner in the mess hall with the WAC personnel, and later in the evening she addressed the members of the WAC detachment.

Discussing the present strength of the WAC, Colonel Boyce said that there are now 22,000 enlisted women and 2600 officers, compared with a total strength of 100,000 on V-E Day. Of the present 22,000, about 2200 are in the European Theatre, and the balance are in the zone of the interior, mostly assigned to personnel centers, hospitals and Army headquarters installations.

She pointed out that when the original WAAC was organized, it was thought that its members would be employed in only four different types of work, but they proved so versatile that WACs are now serving in over 300 different kinds of Army jobs. There is a higher percentage of WACs in hospital work than in any of the other types of job.

"Although 85 per cent of our WACs wanted overseas service, only 15 per cent were sent to overseas stations," said Colonel Boyce.

Colonel Boyce wears the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf cluster, and was the first member of the WAC to be decorated with the Legion of

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Lefty Club Members All Work Together and Enjoy It

You can't be around Letterman very long without hearing about the "Lefty" Club. All the members of the club are patients on Ward 26 in East Hospital. If you have occasion to stop in at that ward, you'll find a cheerful group engaged in one of the many activities that have been specially planned to prepare them for their return to civilian life.

They are aphasia patients. As a result of a head injury received during the war, they have temporarily lost, in varying degrees, the ability to communicate by means of language, either by speaking, reading or writing.

There are different types of aphasics. The motor aphasic can understand speech clearly, but cannot produce it himself; the auditory aphasic can read but does not take in much of what is said to him; the trans - cortical aphasic can understand and can produce speech, but does not easily make the necessary connection between question and answer in conversation. A further disability of the aphasic is partial paralysis due to the injury. The aphasia patients at Letterman call themselves the Lefty Club because their disability has made them all left-handed.

"The division of the types of aphasics is difficult," says Lt. Joseph M. Wepman, MAC, chief of the Aphasia Center at Letterman. "They are all more or less interlocking."

Lieutenant Wepman, before entering the Army, was clinical psychologist at the University of Chicago Medical School. He has done research on medical and psychological speech problems, and conducted a speech clinic at the University of Chicago and at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago.

He has devised for the aphasia patients a program of therapy and training which includes a balanced ration of education and recreation designed to restore facility of communication. He and his staff of instructors keep the patients occupied during every waking hour. They teach speech, reading, writing, arithmetic, and spelling. The patient may, if he is interested, add other subjects, such as geography and photography.

"The educational part of the program covers every possible phase of communication," says Lieutenant Wepman.

In their discussion classes the patients talk about the atomic bomb,



MEMBERS OF THE LEFTY CLUB

Looking over their Service Record books, gift of William B. Kyne, manager of Bay Meadows racetrack. The books were presented to the club members by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) T. L. McKenna. In the picture are: Frank Sharon, Edward Aalboe, Guillermo Terrozas, Cecil Crosbie, Harold Welch, James Tsutsui, Reginald Stephens, Raymond Steger, James Richardson, John Solvino, John A. Pianta, George Haynie, Wayne Means, John Robak, Arnold Soto, Frank Ghiorso, Donald Armstrong, Chaplain McKenna, Lt. Joseph M. Wepman, Capt. Mary House.

compulsory military service, the GI Bill of Rights, the various veterans organizations. These subjects are of their own choosing, because in every part of their treatment stress is placed upon restoring their initiative and self-confidence.

A program of occupational therapy and physical therapy is carried out in cooperation with the conditioning division. The patients have their own O.T. room right in the ward, and do weaving, leatherwork, and work in plastics. They are given physical therapy, go swimming and take other planned exercise.

Their recreation includes card-playing, an occasional evening at a night club, trips to the races and to baseball games.

There are now 21 aphasia patients at Letterman, most of the group having come here from DeWitt General Hospital at Auburn, when that hospital closed a few months ago. Out of more than a million casualties in World War II there were only 600 aphasia cases. About 200 are still receiving treatment. Period of treatment for the group now at Letterman ranges from 4 to 15

months.

There has been very little material published on the treatment of aphasia patients, and Lieutenant Wepman is at present engaged in writing a book on therapy for the aphasic.

The Letterman Aphasia Center has just made arrangements with the Veterans Administration to give minimal continuation therapy at two VA centers, one in San Francisco and one in Los Angeles, after the men receive their discharges from the Army. They will be living at home, but will be getting therapy for a time in accordance with their individual needs. The Veterans Administration plans to employ the instructors who are now with the group at Letterman.

The staff now working with Lieutenant Wepman includes: Lt. William Roseveare, T/4 Karl Dronson, Mrs. Jane Blackmer, who has returned as a civilian instructor since her discharge from the WAC, and Miss Dorothy Webb. Until just recently Sgt. Bob Killary was also on the staff.

This special program for the

treatment of aphasic patients is just another evidence of the thorough manner in which the Army Medical Department is fulfilling its mission to restore the sick and wounded veterans to the resumption of normal life.

MORE ABOUT COL. BOYCE

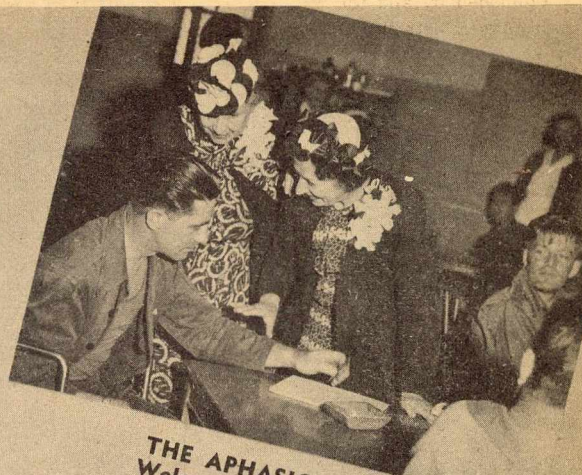
Merit. She became Director of the WAC in July 1945, and has been in the Corps since July 1942. She was formerly deputy director, and was also on the general staff of the personnel division of the War Department. She served as WAC staff director in the North African and Mediterranean theatres.

The citation for Colonel Boyce's decorations state that the awards were given "for exceptionally meritorious services . . . in which she demonstrated foresight and sound judgment contributing greatly to the orderly demobilization of the Corps, and a better understanding of the future role of women in the Army."

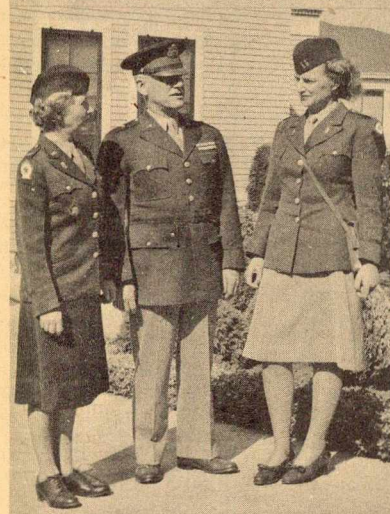
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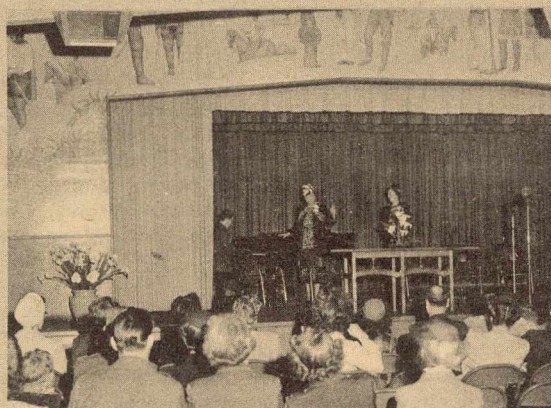
HELEN KELLER
And Polly Thomson talking with a
patient



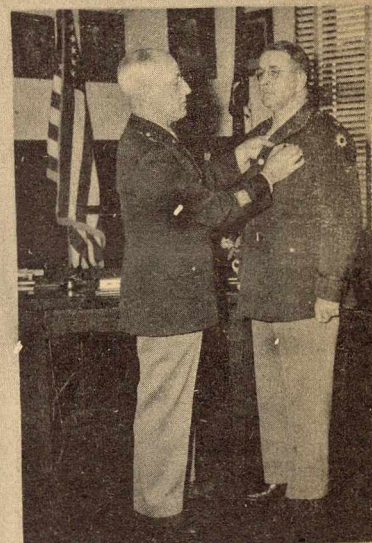
THE APHASIC WARD
Welcomes Helen Keller



COL. WESTRAY B. BOYCE
Director of the WAC, chats
with Brig. Gen. C. C. Hill-
man and Capt. E. L. Steph-
enson in the patio at Let-
terman



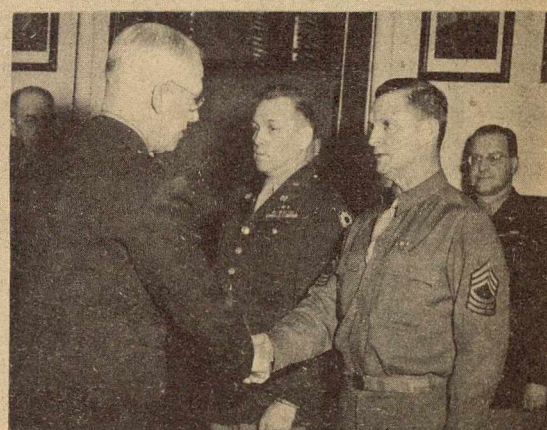
LETTERMAN AUDIENCE
Sees Helen Keller keep time to "Rhap-
sody in Blue," played by Sgt. Robert An-
derson at the "Y"



COL. JOHN D. LAMON, JR.
Chief, Surgical Service, re-
ceives the army Commen-
dation Ribbon from Gen-
eral Hillman



M-SGT. HENRY KUNTZ
Shaking hands with General
Hillman after receiving the
Army Commendation Rib-
bon award



MAJ. L. D. SNYDER, MAC
Director of Personnel, is dec-
orated with the Army Com-
mendation Ribbon by the
Commanding General.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

PREVENT CANCER

Cancer killed 607,000 Americans between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day—more than twice as many Americans as were killed or listed missing in action in World War II.

The American Cancer Society, conducting a drive this month for 12 million dollars, has developed a program with three vital objects:

1. Spread knowledge of the danger signals of cancer and urge people to consult a doctor in time to be saved.

2. Provide far more and much better hospital facilities for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

3. Expand widely the scientific research attack which will lead to more effective treatment and possibly even the elimination of cancer.

President Truman proclaimed April as Cancer Control Month, and every citizen is urged to contribute to the drive. Forty per cent of the money raised will be spent nationally on a research program under the guidance of the National Research Council, and for educational and service programs to supplement those of the states.

Sixty per cent of the money contributed in each state will be retained within the state for preventive education, and to assist in providing more and better hospital facilities.

Contributions for the drive may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y., or to the



Colonel Brown S. McClintic taking off for Washington and way stations on a trip combining business and some pleasure.

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Lieut. Colonel Frank R. Ray, former Adjutant and more recently a patient here, leaving for his new station at El Paso, Texas, with a delay en route.

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Major Douglas S. Throwell home from Austria and the AMG in the role of patient and now domiciled on ward A-2.

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Miss Kay Hardy, one time PRO aide, back with the latest in headgear. The ads call it "Serpentine".

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Lieut. Colonel Michael J. Hitchko, old time lettermanite, back from the wars to take professional refresher course.

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Major George C. Potter, also Letterman vet, home on leave and looking up old friends.

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Moving Day again on the first floor of the Administration Building—and the "Dutch door" is not the entrance to a stall on the second floor.

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The Red Cross turns out to be mother of six kittens. Not the "Greatest Mother" but a good one.

—Kay Hardy was here—

Peggy Ryan Entertains At Dante

Peggy Ryan, charming Universal picture star, visited Dante last Friday afternoon. She came to call on a friend who is a patient here, Lieut. Col. Catherine Sinnott, ANC. They had met at Hammond General Hospital while Peggy was on a tour of Army Hospitals. Peggy gave up the rest of her afternoon to visit with the other patients in the hospital.

San Francisco division at 703 Market Street. Among the literature available on request at either address is a pamphlet with valuable information on the disease; "Answers to the Public's Questions on Cancer." Ask for it.



by Bette Byers

The loud crash in Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider's office this week was not the roof tumbling down . . . just the light globe falling on Major Eileen Brady's shoulder!! The casualties were nil, but shouldn't Major be awarded a purple heart for such a shock?

The Easter bunny without a doubt visited the Nurses' Quarters last Sunday, for beautiful spring flowers and candy were much in evidence. Speaking of Easter bunnies . . . what happened to Harvey????

Transferred from the Officers' Personnel Section on the third floor to the Nurses' Personnel Section on the second floor is Miss Signe Anderson. Her smile and happy spirit have already won her over to the nurses, and they hope she is as happy to be there as they are to have her with them.

The nurses in ward E12 were happily surprised Easter to receive a delicious box of mints from Major John Aldes, who was so thoughtful in observing the holiday spirit.

Taking leaves and going on mad buying sprees are a number of nurses who are destined (and very joyous about their good fortune) to go to the Pacific Theatre on duty around May. The group is made up of Letterman and Dante volunteers. Best of luck and bon voyage!

Lieut. Virginia Warren, on duty at the Nurses' Quarters, is among those leaving for the Pacific soon. We can not understand why she is so eager to go overseas unless it is to escape the crocodiles of Florida!!

What is this about Lieut. Pauline Guerrattaz wanting to sell her uniforms??? Someone's heading for the separation center, we'll bet!!

Our sincere welcome is extended to Lieut. Madeline Turner, who reported for duty last Monday and is now on ward N-1. Lieut. Turner returned from England, France, and Germany last December after serving twenty-one months overseas. Since then she was assigned to Cushing General Hospital in Farmington, near Boston, Massachusetts. Although her home is in Buffalo, New York, and this is the first time she has been on the west coast, we know she will like San Francisco— and Letterman.

—Kay Hardy was here—

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, April 28, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Helen Keller Visits Patients At Letterman

Patients at Letterman had the privilege of seeing and hearing Helen Keller last week, though she could neither see nor hear them through ordinary channels. When they saw what she had accomplished in spite of her handicap of blindness and deafness, they found new courage to deal with their own handicaps from injuries, however great.

Miss Keller, accompanied by Miss Polly Thomson, who has been her companion for 31 years, spent two days visiting bed patients in the wards at Letterman and at Dante Annex, and addressed groups of ambulatory patients and duty personnel. For more than two years Miss Keller, under the auspices of the American Foundation for the Blind, has been visiting patients at Army and Navy hospitals.

"If you will look into your minds, see what resources are there, and work to develop them, you won't find life dull or empty," Miss Keller told the patients.

They were anxious to know how she had overcome her seemingly insuperable difficulties, and learned that she "hears" through the manual alphabet, with Miss Thomson spelling words and sentences rapidly into her hand, and by touching the throat and mouth of the person who is speaking to her.

After hearing her talk, Cpl. Jess Fisher of Flagstaff, Arizona, who had come to hear her in his wheelchair, said "She's the best person we've ever had at the hospital. She had a combination of all the handicaps any of us might have, and she overcame them. It shows us what we can do if we want to try."

WAC OF THE WEEK

On and Off the Record
With the Patients

by Bette Byers

If you don't believe "crime doesn't pay" just ask Major (Sheriff) Douglas Throwell of ward A-2. Major Throwell is an ex-Adjutant and Provost Marshall of Letterman. During his regime here, things were kept in order as if he were a pistol-packin' deputy, hence his receipt of the nickname. All kidding aside, we are mighty glad to see him back after his tour in Austria.

Let's go GI and ask Bob Miller of C-2 if he has read the AR regarding the association of enlisted personnel with officers! Anyhooo, that's quite a sunburn, Bob, and we trust the picnic was lotsa fun.

While the thermometer soared to 81 last Tuesday, breaking all records for April 23rd since 1910, patients practiced strip-teases, and covered the lawns so that hardly a blade of grass could be seen. We'll wager that the PX sold more ice-cream that day than in many a month! Since that time, the hospital has taken on the conversational trend of a summer resort . . . "Oh, my GI sunburned back!"

Will someone please try to get the story from Edward Mayer of D-1 of his saying "It doesn't pay to talk too much." Is he the strong silent type, or did he talk himself out of something . . . INTO something, maybe????

The biggest question to date in ward E-2 regards Anthony Silveria. Is he or isn't he married, and when will his wife arrive—is what his wardmates want to know! After a telephone conversation, the boys don't know whether the message was intended for someone else or if Tony has been holding out on them!

Among the sunworshippers on the patio lawn were Russ Vonder Linden and Leland Padfield of C-1, and

grow old!" Up until last year, Mary had never been out of California, so her trip to Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, where she took her basic training, was a thrilling experience for her.

Mary's straightforwardness is one of her outstanding qualities. She calls a spade a spade, and doesn't "mess with Mr. In-Between!" Because of this directness, she has won many friends during her Army life, and if her sons have taken after "Mom", which we don't doubt, they really have what it takes!

Frances Hickey of G-2, having a little gabfest.

While recording records on M-1 we find Harold Jansen giving out with "One Meat Ball" like it has never been sung before—and probably never again (we hope!).

And to the other extreme, making a recording at the same time in M-1 was Luis Sirpas singing in the South American fashion. The leetle women on the ward fairly swooned with such a tune crooned!

The big three meetings are going strong on ward E-2. Hal Godsey, "Tex" Leonard and Bob Eberhart hold meetings twice a day: one at 10 a.m., and the second at 10 p.m. They are running "Dear Mr. Anthony's" program a lot of competition, and welcome sob jobs. Having three broadshoulders to cry on instead of just one should be a consolation in itself! They add (not in whispers!) that women are particularly invited! And we add (in small print) that you do so at your own risk!!!

Merle Wiesen of D-2 was very unhappy at the thought of spending his birthday in the hospital this week. Knowing he's heading for Camp Beale any day should be a darn good consolation prize.

A very popular gentleman these days is Bob Shipley of Ward 40. Bob is in the used-car business back home, and is thinking of selling his own car at the present time. A prospect!

K-2 contains a shopper of a baseball team who have gone so far as to have elected a president (Clinton Logas), treasurer, (Laurie Hart), manager (Jake Fricke), and last but not least, a coach (Frank Cornell). The remainder of the team is made up of Anthony Cecillo, Francis Murphy, Allen Tarlakson, Irving Kaplan, and Morton Goldberg. The Buddies Club (that's the name of the thing, son!) contains four catchers, two pitchers, no basemen, and they do get hits! The latest acquisitions are a real baseball bat and ball, to replace the ace bandages formerly used. If you don't believe these boys are fanatics, then why do they get up at 5 a.m. just to hustle out on the so-called field??

Hyman Harnick is quite the man-about-town, hoteling it to Berkeley for supper dancing. Ask him who he escorts . . .

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ROBERT C. ANDERSON
Sergeant

"The Voice" heard so often thru your loudspeakers announcing "this is station LGH" is that of Sgt. Bob Anderson, who has been in the radio room since his arrival at Letterman in 1943. Besides announcing the activities you may participate in, Bob plays your favorite records for you, and gives out with piano solos. It is the latter that is the major part of his life.

Bob started his piano lessons at the age of five, and has been playing professionally since he was twelve. He has played with Brad Hunt's orchestra back east, and was a member of Ran Wilde's orchestra while they played at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel here in SF, and he went on the road with them. Freddie Pratt's band, also a northern California outfit, claimed Bob for some time. In other words, the boy has been around.

During his high school days, Bob majored in music, and had his heart set on becoming a music teacher. It was during this time that he studied and mastered all the instruments in an orchestra. However, since those days, Bob has decided that what he is really striving for, is to become an arranger and conductor of a large orchestra in radio. He is much more interested in arranging music than in composing, and therefore listens to selections with a critical ear, breaking it up again as he would like it.

As soon as Bob becomes a civilian, he plans to attend the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and major in applied music. While attending school, he will live with his aunt and uncle; his aunt is a music supervisor in public schools and his uncle a staff musician on three radio stations and was formerly associated with the Pittsburgh Symphony.



MARY AGNES JONES
Technician Fifth Grade

Mary is "Mom" to the lucky girls who live "up on the hill." But to those who are less fortunate, and do not know her so intimately, she is T/5 Mary Agnes Jones.

On January 19 of this year, Mary was at De Witt General Hospital and spent sixteen very busy hours at the switchboard. She chalked it up as "just another day" altho it was rather a thrilling one, for she had received long distance telephone calls and telegrams from her family bearing "Very Happy Birthday" wishes. It was Mary's 50th birthday!

Mary's family consists of her three sons, all towering over 6 feet, and all in the regular Navy. Her home is just down the Peninsula, in San Jose, but with all members of the family in the service, it is temporarily where each hangs his hat. As each son reached his 17th birthday, he enlisted in the Navy, which left Mary with a big empty house. This led her to join the service.

At the present time, one son is in China, one on Treasure Island, and one in Florida. The outstanding event of each week is having Sunday morning breakfast at the Presidio with the son who is stationed on Treasure Island.

Before her Army career started, Mary was, and still is, a registered nurse. Rank and stripes mean absolutely nothing to her, and she finds a great deal of pleasure in mixing with the girls and doing the job set before her. She can be classed as an "eager beaver" who knows what must be done, and loses no time in putting things in apple pie order.

Mary has a remarkable love for life and people which is seldom found in the average person. She delights in everyday living, and does not miss a trick. As she so aptly puts it, "I haven't had time to

WAC

by Bette Byers

Arrivals this week included some re-enlistees from far and wide. The latest "hello" goes to T/4 Billie Maples who hails from her last station in Seattle, Washington; T/5 Cornelia Devries from the other side of the U. S., Washington, D. C.; T/5 Jean Rupprecht from Lovell General Hospital, Ft. Devens, Massachusetts; T/5 Lorraine Brown, also from Ft. Devens, and T/3 Lenora Duling from Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Excited . . . who's excited? To put it mildly, that was the feeling of the seven girls who were chosen to serve in the ETO. Out of approximately 23 who signed for the overseas assignment, the following were chosen: T/4 Eleanor Horning, T/4 Daphine Dosh-Fleuret, T/4 Ruth Singerman, Sgt. Hazel Wooley, Sgt. Lillian Ohlsen, T/5 Rowleen Gilbert, and T/5 Frances Hunt. All were given furloughs before they board the train arriving at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey on 13 May. The love for travel is intriguing to all of us, and if they'd write to let us know what we are missing, we could share their experiences second-hand at least! Hint! Hint!

In a formal wedding ceremony at 3 o'clock Easter Sunday, Mary Russo became the bride of Walter Humphrey in St. Vincent De Paul's Church in San Francisco. Making a lovely bride in her long white satin gown, Mary was preceded down the aisle by her Maid of Honor, Linda Peterson, and her bridesmaids, Elizabeth Williams, Opal Anderson, and Gloria Venturi. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Eagle Nest Hall, where over one hundred friends gathered to extend wishes for the happiness of the bride and groom. Mr. Humphrey, who was a Captain in the Merchant Marine for four years, is now in the insurance business in San Francisco.

Saturday, April 20 was the most significant day in the life of Mary Shelton, who was married to Armando Novelo in the home of Judge Joseph Golden in San Francisco. A reception followed the ceremony. Guests at the rites were Armando's sister and brother-in-law, and the WAC was represented by Mary's sister, Rena Shelton, Dottie Bowman, and Kitty (Fern) Ziesmer. The couple are spending a ten-day honeymoon at Redding, California.

LT. BARBARA LONG IS A GIRL WHO HAS A WAY WITH HER



Lt. BARBARA LONG
Likes daffodils and is like one

When you've been at Letterman just two weeks, and already you have a share of that coveted commodity, an apartment in San Francisco, you really have something. You have a persuasive personality, which in this case belongs to Lieut. Barbara Long, who is a physical therapist here at the hospital. Blue eyes, honey-blond hair and a captivating smile are some of the personality ingredients. The aforementioned apartment is shared with Mary Holke and Ann Malone, dietitians at Letterman.

Lieutenant Long is a native of Idaho and was graduated from the University of Idaho in 1944. She took her physical therapy training at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, and in September 1945 went to her first assignment, at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California. Later she was at Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys, California. She came from there to Letterman.

One of her favorite reminiscences is of a trip up the Snake River in Idaho on a once-a-week mail boat.

The man who owns the boat, a Mr. McGrady, is now on his fourth boat, having lost three others because of the rugged character of the trip. Barbara wasn't alarmed by this, and thoroughly enjoyed the 100 mile trip, which takes two days upriver and only six hours coming down. The return trip is speeded up that way due to rapids and other hazards.

When Barbara's work schedule is filled, she gives a physical therapy treatment every fifteen minutes. She likes her job very much.

She enjoys golf and skiing, and says people are now calling her an athlete because she has just joined the WAC softball team.

Her list of "likes" includes fireplaces, people who like to talk, walking in the rain, daffodils, people who surprise her, and playing popular records. Her record player plays ten without making a demand on the physical energy of the physical therapist. And one more "like"—men with black hair and brown eyes.

CIVIL CIRCLES

by Lillian Jones

Joe DeFreitas is back at the Machine Shop after a week of relaxing and taking it easy at his home in San Francisco.

Leah Frisby returned to the library a little sun-kissed after three days spent in Carmel, Pacific Grove, and Santa Cruz. He found the hills covered with wild flowers—lupins, poppies, and buttercups.

Louise Stockle enjoyed her Easter Day with friends in San Luis Obispo.

Seeing the much publicized giraffes, "Raffey" and "Zoobell" was only part of the trip to the zoo and added to the enjoyment of Margie Jones, Easter Day.

Enjoying furlough time with her husband, Helen Jackson of Information is driving to Kanab, Utah. They will visit with friends and relatives for a few weeks.

Among the many early risers Easter Morning, Helen Hoffman from Reconditioning Section attended the Sun Rise Services at five thirty-seven down in Burlingame. The early bird gets the worm, but Helen got the Easter eggs.

It was an Easter trip to La Honda for Myrtle Wood of the Dental Branch, while Barbara Wood obtained a beautiful pink back while swimming and sun bathing at Russian River.

Marion Leebens, hygienist at Dante Annex, is on an emergency leave due to the illness of her father, who lives in Minneapolis. We all wish him rapid improvement.

Barbara Bianco, Radiological Branch, is in on the excitement and hub-bub as she joins the bridal procession of her sister's wedding on Saturday in San Jose.

Eugene List, pianist, will be at the Letterman YMCA at 1400 on Wednesday, May 1.

It is not generally known that from Hell you can take a day excursion to Heaven nor that, once there, you are under no obligation to return to the Infernal Regions! C. S. Lewis, in his fascinating symbolism, will tell you all about it in "The Great Divorce." Recall his "Screw-tape Letters"? If so, you'll want to read this new book. In the Library.

Andrew Ponzi, three times world pocket billiard champion, will appear at the Letterman YMCA on Thursday, May 2 at 1915 to give an exhibition.

RECONDITIONING says

1. You may obtain assistance regarding any educational questions or problems which refer to your own particular case. So why not amble down to Building 1039 while you think about it, now? Bed patients need only ask their ward nurses to ring extension 4403 and a trained educational counselor will come to see you.
2. Pfc. Laurie Hart (K-2) is deep in the language intricacies of German, no less! At the moment he has the entire class all to himself, with tall, blonde Iona Logie as instructor on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 0930 to 1030. While Hart is delighted with this arrangement, he will share his teacher with a few other chaps, likewise seriously interested in "spreching Deutsche". How about it?
3. Speaking of blondes, Sally Ann Miller ("Mrs." to you), brightens certain wards Tuesday and Fridays, annexing quite a group in Basic English. These lessons are especially planned to help overcome language difficulties. A former Chicago teacher, Mrs. Miller, who devoted the past two years with the U. S. Coast Guard Temporary Reserve, is enjoying the switch from Navy jargon.
4. Certain Honor students from S. F. Junior College have volunteered to give private instruction in higher mathematics and English. Special arrangements will be made to suit individual time and needs. Just let the Reconditioning Office know of your needs.
5. Don't forget "English A" on Mondays from 1500 to 1600. There's still time to get yourself in line for college entrance.
6. Budding poets, authors, playwrights and feature writers will shortly have the opportunity of receiving expert help and literary criticism for their "brain children". Here is a good chance for bed patients to let their imaginations take wing and spin out some fascinating work. This creative writing will be both class and individual work, stressing Short Story writing, magazine and news stories, as well as plays and radio sketches.

HE WAS A PRISONER OF WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) STANLEY J. REILLY
Now stationed at Letterman General Hospital

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stanley J. Reilly, who was a prisoner of war for three years, in the Philippines and in Japan, arrived in San Francisco this week, and is assigned to duty with the Chaplains Corps at Letterman.

He had been in Manila at Fort William McKinley for nearly two years when the war began, and went to Bataan with the Philippine Scout Division shortly after Pearl Harbor. After the fall of Bataan, the American prisoners of war who had staffed Hospital No. 1 under Colonel Duckworth were sent to Camp O'Donnell, where a death rate of 27,000 in three months was alarming the Japs because it was unfavorably affecting their propaganda of "Asia for the Asiatics," with the Filipinos.

"Conditions there were indescribable," said Chaplain Reilly. "The 64 doctors and 300 men assigned to the hospital scrubbed floors, drained the terrain, and with only the most primitive equipment managed to establish foolproof sanitation. The Americans were sent to the camp in July 1942, and by November the death rate had declined to zero."

In January 1943 the Americans were taken to Camp Cabanatuan, from which they were sent out daily to various work camps. So great were the demands the Japs made for workers that it was necessary to send patients from the camp

hospital to supplement the labor group.

Food consisted of a handful of cooked rice, and a bowl of watery soup made from preserved Japanese radishes, with either dried fish or meat once a week.

In July 1944 the prisoners were sent to Japan in a ship into which nearly 1600 men were crowded. Each night 200 of the men had to stand, and in the morning 200 of the others gave them their places.

"During that voyage most of us were hardly aware of day or night," said Chaplain Reilly. "It was probably the most exhausting experience of our time as prisoners. Men lost their minds."

"Life in the Japan camp was rougher than in the Philippines. There were surprise inspections in the middle of the night, and beatings for the slightest violation of rules. We were allowed no pencils or paper, no games or reading materials.

"One of the sadistic acts of our captors was to issue woolen overcoats which we were not allowed to wear because we were supposed to 'build our stamina.' If a prisoner was found wearing one, he was made to strip and stand in the cold.

"We knew that air action was going on and could see the B-29s going over. The men who were sent out of the camp to work found that the Japs in the factories were losing



To 2d Lt. and Mrs. John W. Bennett, a son **Gary Ross**, weight 6 pounds and 14 1/4 ounces, born 16 April.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Andrade, a daughter, **Margaret Candice**, weight 7 pounds and 4 1/4 ounces, born 16 April.

To WO and Mrs. Idas D. Massey, a son, **William Clyde**, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, born 18 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. James Ogle, a daughter, **Harvie Camille**, weight 7 pounds and 1 1/4 ounces, born 18 April.

To Major and Mrs. Norman Barker, a son, **Gary David**, weight 7 pounds and 4 1/4 ounces, born 19 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Paul L. McGiven, a daughter, weight 9 pounds and 1/2 ounce, born 20 April.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. John B. DuBois, a son, **John Baldwin II**, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born 20 April.

hope and were predicting that the war would end in the seventh month. They expected to lose, because they saw that their own aircraft were offering no defense to the attacks of the B-29s.

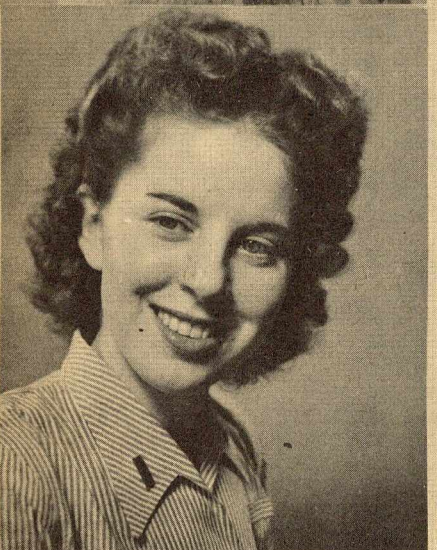
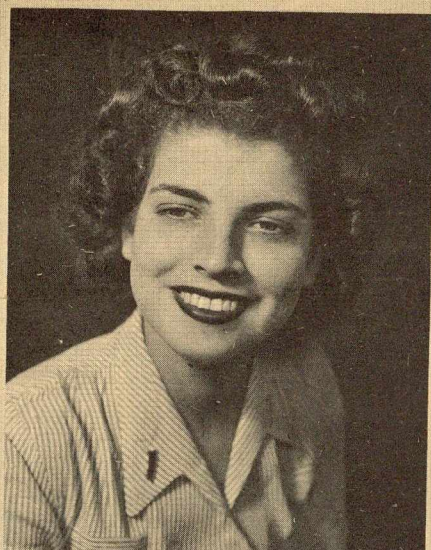
"When the war ended the camp was made into an American military garrison, and the Japs who had run the camp were made our servants. Orders were given that no one was to be hurt or humiliated.

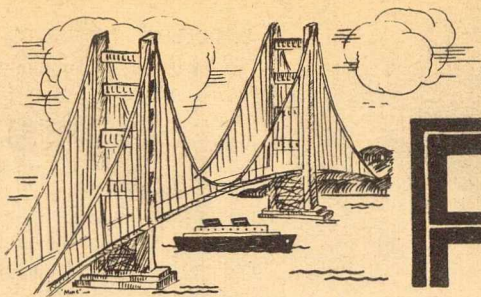
"When we joined the American Occupation Forces we were taken to a Navy hospital ship, the Relief, given a medical examination, and best of all, a piece of soap and a shower, and all new clothing."

Chaplain Reilly returned to the United States in October. In coming to San Francisco he is coming to his home town, and he says that what reassured him most about his return to a normal way of life was walking along a San Francisco street and seeing smiling American faces again.

In his work as chaplain during the time he was a prisoner of war, Chaplain Reilly says he found how true are the words "Man does not live by food alone." The monastic life of privation lived by his fellow prisoners made them very receptive to spiritual influences.

THERE ARE SMILES





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Lt. Col. Craft Leaving for Duty in Hawaii

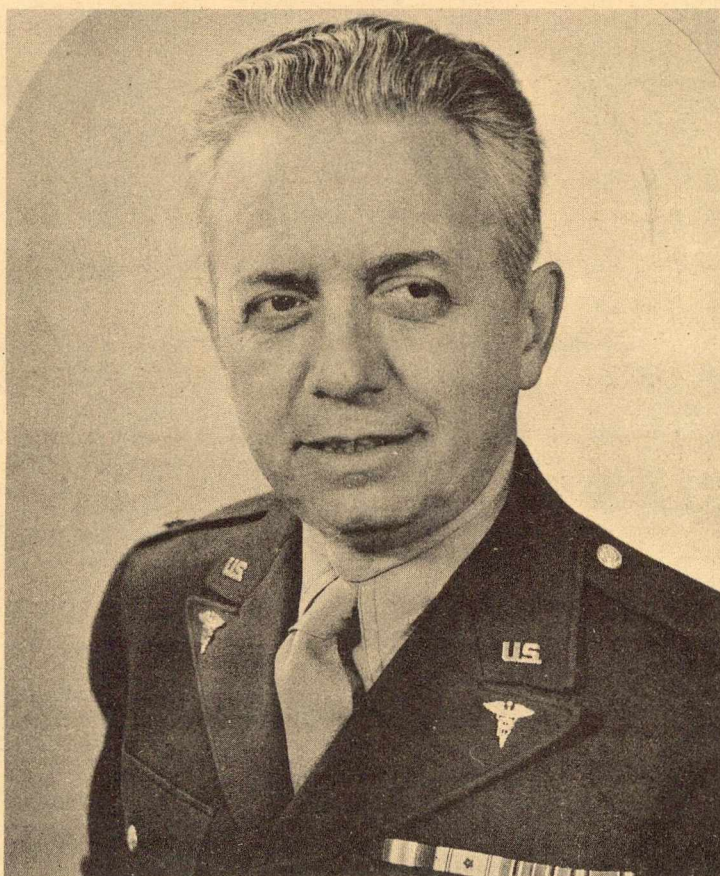
Lt. Col. Seth C. Craft, PC, Executive Officer, this week completed a tour of duty at Letterman General Hospital which began a year and a half ago, in December 1944. Colonel Craft is leaving for duty in the Hawaiian Department. The many friends he has made here are sorry to see him go, and in saying farewell wish him success and happiness in his new assignment.

In January of this year Colonel Craft completed 26 years of service in the regular Army. He is a native of New York state, where he lived until he enlisted in the Army on January 20, 1920. His enlisted service was all at Carlisle Barracks, at the Field Medical School. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps in April 1925, and has been continuously in service since then.

He has been assigned to various stations, both foreign duty and in the United States. He spent four years at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, four years at headquarters of the Seventh Corps Area, and nearly four years in the Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.

Colonel Craft has had tours of duty in Manila and in Honolulu, which makes this a return engagement for him in the Hawaiian Department.

On November 2, 1929, Colonel Craft and Miss Alma J. Ruething were married in Manila. They have two children, Mary, who is 14, and Don, who is 9. The family will accompany Colonel Craft to Hawaii.



Lt. Col. SETH O. CRAFT, PC
Leaves next week for new duties in Hawaii

When first assigned to Letterman, Colonel Craft assumed the duties of Post Adjutant, and was later named Executive Officer.

In March of this year he received the Army Commendation Ribbon award, and was decorated by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman. The citation accompanying the award stated:

"During World War II the Medical Department carried out its mission with outstanding success. This achievement was made possible only

through the combined efforts of all Medical Department personnel. Your service with the Medical Department has been exceptional when compared with others of the same grade of similar position, and I wish to commend you for your outstanding contribution as Assistant to Director, and later as Executive Officer of the Hospital Construction Division, Operations Service, Office of The Surgeon General, from January 1941 to 25 October 1944."

Basic Training At Letterman For Inductees

Nearly 300 members of the Medical Detachment, SCU 1972, are being given their basic training here at Letterman under the direction of the chief of Training Branch, Lt. Col. H. C. McCullough. These men are new inductees, recently arrived from Reception Centers, and this is their first Army training.

The trainees have an eight-hour schedule of classroom training and drill. They are being kept pretty busy, what with an 8 to 5 activity program, plus assignments for evening study. However, they are urged to take advantage of the recreational activities on the post.

When they finish the basic course they will receive advanced training in various skills, which include the following: Medical and surgical technician, typing, correspondence, ward master and ward administration, fire fighting, fire guard, evacuation and salvage.

Every effort will be made, according to Capt. H. D. Black, assistant chief of Training Branch, to assign the men to the duties for which they are best fitted. As far as possible, their civilian background as well as their present training will be taken into consideration in making these assignments.

Another 200 inductees are expected to arrive here in the next two weeks, and they also will receive basic training before being assigned to specific duties.

Our Neighbor to The South to Be Inactivated in June

With the contemplated closing of Dibble General Hospital on June 30, another chapter in the ever-expanding, never-ending story of Army medicine comes to an end.

Dibble General Hospital, named for Colonel John Dibble, one of the first medical officers to lose his life in this war, was dedicated on March 2, 1944. Since that time, more than 16,000 patients were given treatment, highlighted by masterful plastic surgery and a skillfully-planned, comprehensive rehabilitation program for the blinded.

One of two Army blind centers—Dibble was also one of eight Army plastic surgery centers. In addition, it was established as a center for corneal transplant operations on suitable cases; as a maxillo-facial center where injuries to the jaw were treated; and as a center for production, training, and research in connection with the plastic artificial eye. Besides the plastic surgery and eye services, Dibble specialized in general orthopedics, with emphasis on hand reconstruction and surgery.

Dibbles' surgical and medical staff included many eminent specialists. Colonel Paul H. Streit, MC, of Amarillo, Texas, Dibble's commanding officer since June, 1945, served in Manila in 1930 with the late Colonel Dibble, after whom the hospital was named. He has an outstanding record of service with the U. S. Army Medical Corps since 1917 as an Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist. After Pearl Harbor he commanded the 147th General Hospital, which he took to Hawaii, after having organized the unit.

Appointed Surgeon, Central Pacific Base Command, in February, 1944, he established units for other general hospitals at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii to care for the wounded from battle zones in the Pacific. He was on the staff of Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif., as chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat clinic from 1938 to 1941, prior to assuming command of the 147th General Hospital. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work by Lieut. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Commanding General, POA.

Dibble's surgical and rehabilitation program for the blind was supervised by Lieut. Col. Norman L. Cutler, MC, until his departure early in 1946. On Dibbles' blind rehabilitation program, started early in 1944, 21 per cent of the blind patients regained partial vision. Out



Colonel PAUL H. STREIT, MC
Commanding Officer, Dibble General Hospital

of a total of 269 patients, 157 were transferred to Old Farms Convalescent Hospital in Avon, Connecticut, for further courses and orientation, 57 were discharged from the program, their vision considerably improved, and 39 still remained on the program as of April 15, 1946.

Dibble's two-fold eye program of surgical treatment and rehabilitation drew its strength from the surgical and medical staff and from well-trained orientors, all of whom had chosen their jobs themselves. The program's schedule wove in and out of the regular hospital activities, the Red Cross programs and general recreation as the patients' adjustment progressed.

Special courses for the blind included Braille, typing, occupational therapy, orientation, and music. In addition, there were readers, weekly dances, recreational trips, and many other special activities.

Lieut. Colonel Walter B. Macomber, MC, one of the nation's most capable plastic surgeons, served as chief of Dibble's plastic service, and, assisted by an able staff, worked to give Dibble's patients the finest in the field of plastic surgery.

Cases requiring such surgery ranged from those needing as long as two years for reconstruction to others which could be taken care

of by one operative procedure. Some new techniques in the field of plastic surgery were developed and put to wide use at Dibble. Such procedures as the tubed flap operation were widely employed. Medical and surgical techniques developed there were made available to both military and civilian authorities in the field of plastic surgery for research and study. Drawings, paintings, color films, life-like masks of patients both before and after surgery—these were assembled to assist in future study and development of plastic surgery procedure.

Colonel Willaim D. White, DC, chief of Dibble's dental branch, initiated steps for organization of the school for the plastic eye and Dr. Stanley Erpf of San Francisco, formerly a major in the Army Dental Corps, was one of three dental officers credited with its development. Assigned to Dibble, he headed a trained staff in production, training, and research in connection with his work. At present more than 18 centers at Army General Hospitals are making prostheses for those requiring artificial eyes.

Dibble's first convoy of patients arrived from the Southwest Pacific area on February 26, 1944. Since then, more than 16,000 patients have been given treatment. The greatest

Listened to List

An enthusiastic audience of ambulatory patients enjoyed a piano concert by Eugene List at the "Y" Wednesday afternoon. Ever since Mr. List (then S/Sgt. List) played for President Truman, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin at the Potsdam conference, he has been deluged with questions about the occasion, so he ran through the program for his Letterman listeners, with both words and music.

The words included the story of the vodka toast he drank with Stalin, who complimented him on his Tchaikowsky's Piano Concerto, three piano preludes by Shostakovich, a waltz and a polonaise by Chopin, and the Missouri Waltz, requested at Potsdam by Churchill to honor President Truman.

In response to requests from the audience at the "Y" Mr. List also played selections by Debussy and by Gershwin. He is in San Francisco this week to play in a concert at the Opera House with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

number was received in November, 1945, bringing the total number of patients for that month to more than three thousand. At its peak the hospital employed 800 civilians from nearby communities. With an estimated cost of construction set at eight million dollars, Dibble is ideally located in Menlo Park, Calif., close to San Francisco and just north of Palo Alto, home of Stanford University.

More than 100 hospital buildings occupy 150 acres of the former Timothy Hopkins estate, a showplace of the peninsula during the nineties. The buildings are of stucco construction, painted in pleasing contrasting colors. With an authorized bed capacity of 2360, Dibble had an emergency expansion of 395, making the total capacity 2755. The peak patient load was well over 3000.

Colonel William H. Allen, M.C., former Lettermanite, was the first commanding officer at Dibble, having been with the hospital from the early days of construction until his retirement last year.

Colonel Streit, present commanding officer, is also a former Lettermanite, having been Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service here until his departure for overseas in 1942.

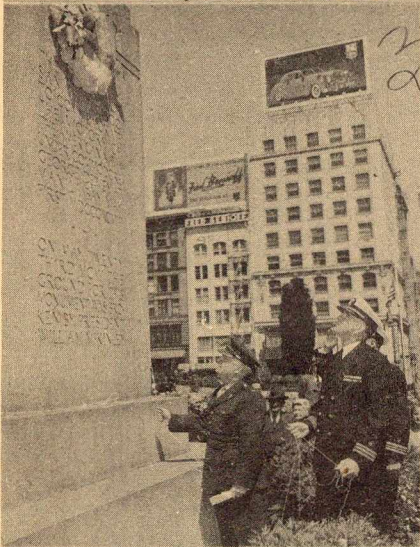
LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS AT LETTERMAN



MAY-POLE DANCE
To choose the Queen of the May at YMCA dance



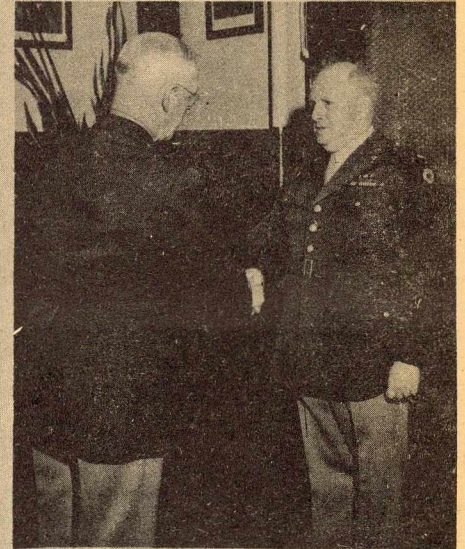
EUGENE LIST
Gives his autograph to Pfc. Sam K. Harrison of Ward C-2



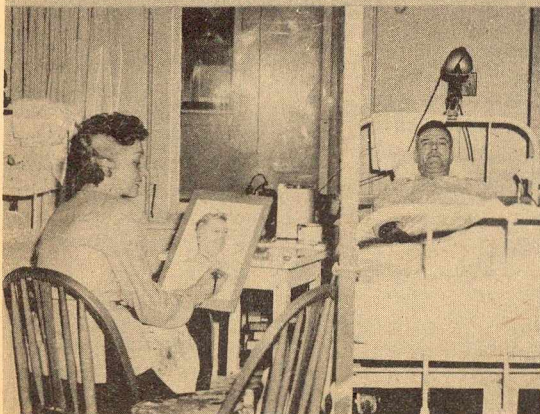
LT. COL. T. L. McKENNA
Placing the wreath on the Dewey monument in Union Square at ceremony commemorating the 48th anniversary of the Battle of Manila



FOG HORN MASCOT
Shows his hairdo—and the smile belongs to Cpl. Bette Byers



LT. COL. H. L. STEWART, MC
Receives the congratulations of Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, who has just decorated him with the Army Commendation Ribbon.



PFC. HERBERT ANDERSON
Being done in water color by Ethel Taylor, illustrator who is at Letterman on a USO assignment.



PATIENTS GATHER
Round Eugene List to hear a few extras after his concert at the "Y"

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EDITORIAL

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The toll taken by death on the highways in this vicinity promises to give California a high spot on the roster of annual casualties when published.

Local communities are awakening to do something to abate the source of accidents. That word "accident" is a misnomer when used in most cases to describe traffic crashes; they do not simply "happen" — they are caused.

The solution for the traffic problem is still contained in the three E's—Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. State and city highway engineers are doing their part to make the highways safe; more and more schools are giving the subject a place on their curricula, and only enforcement is spasmodic in its application.

One of our local daily papers is carrying a diary of action taken in the local traffic court. A perusal of that diary leaves one with the impression that evidence presented in the cases is not adequate to sustain the charge. Otherwise, it is safe to assume that adequate punishment could be meted out to offenders.

Our police and the courts can materially assist in the campaign to cut down the death toll on our highways, and we as individual drivers can do our parts by resolving to take all steps necessary to keep our names from a place on that roster of death on the highway.

Speed-Up In Medical Care For Veterans

The Veterans' Administration authorized treatment by private physicians for 105 Northern California ex-servicemen during the first week of operation of a new plan to speed up medical care of men who have filed claims for service-connected disabilities.

Requests for treatment will probably exceed the 500 mark before the end of this week, Col. Thomas J. Cross, VA chief here, reported.

Although the percentage of emergency cases handled has been small, Colonel Cross' orders to "treat the veteran first and ask the questions later" are being carried out.

A CPS physician hospitalized and operated on an Oakland veteran Wednesday for a ruptured peptic ulcer. The doctor then called Lt. Col. Herbert H. Darling, VA representative in the CPS office here, who determined that the veteran had filed a claim for disability and the VA assumed financial responsibility for the treatment.

The case of a Fresno veteran, who suffered a pulmonary hemorrhage, was handled in a similar manner.

The diagnosis most frequently entered by physicians on requests for treatment are: 1) malaria; 2) orthopedic conditions; 3) allergic conditions such as asthma and hay fever; 4) peptic ulcer and 5) psychoneurosis.

Misunderstandings on the part of the veterans regarding eligibility has resulted in disallowance of several applications for treatment or hospitalization, Col. Darling reported.

Treatment is available only for service-connected disabilities for which the veteran is drawing compensation or has filed a claim. If the veteran has filed a claim for malaria, he cannot be treated for a sprained back.

Hospitalization in a private hospital can be authorized only in a real emergency. Other cases are handled at hospitals under VA control.

The VA will not assume financial responsibility for treatment given a veteran before he files a claim for disability.



By Bette Byers

We are always most happy to welcome back those who have once called Letterman "home." So, this week we extend a hearty greeting to Major Frances C. Henchey, who was Chief Nurse of wards A-1 and G up until December 1940. After having spent three years here, Major Henchey was transferred to Ft. Douglas, Utah, to aid in opening a station hospital there. Upon completion of her duties, she went to Puerto Rico in the West Indies, where she was Chief Nurse and remained for over two years, returning to the States in July '44. Since that time, Major Henchey has seen duty at Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania, Ft. Storey, Virginia, and Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pennsylvania. Although she has been in the Army Nurse Corps for 28 years, Major Henchey claims Torrington, Connecticut, as her home, but for the time being, Letterman is a grand substitute to her.

Renewing their spirit for adventure are several additional nurses who are signing up for overseas duty in the Pacific Theater.

... "Yes, my darling daughter, but don't go near the water!" Such is not the case with Captain Elizabeth Foster, who is seen trekking down to the gym pool on Monday evenings in the company of new-to-Letterman dentists. How's the swimming, Betty???

What are the bridge fiends doing these beautiful evenings??? The Bridge Club, which once was all the rage on Monday night is no more. Could this be due to the spring activities around the Post???

The contents of a letter recently received from an old-time Lettermanite, Lieut. Ann Bakalar, announces that her annual visit to San Francisco is impending. She will be en route to Hawaii.

It isn't often that a visiting nurse is married on our Post, but that did happen last Sunday as Lieut. Lois McCue, the guest of Lieut. Joan Bungay, stationed here, became Mrs. Harold Compton. Several nurses here who had known Lieut. McCue while they were stationed at De Witt General Hospital and Birmingham Gen-

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, May 5, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Despedida Dinner And Reception Honor Col. & Mrs. Craft

Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Seth O. Craft were the guests of honor at a tea and reception held in the quarters of the Commanding General on Tuesday afternoon, at which General and Mrs. Hillman were the hosts. Mrs. Lloyd Gomes assisted in the reception.

Others present for the occasion were: Colonel and Mrs. Boyd L. Smith, Miss Virginia Ann Smith, Colonel and Mrs. Byron Peters, Colonel and Mrs. John D. Lamon, Jr., Colonel and Mrs. Leonard D. Heaton, Colonel and Mrs. Mack M. Green, Mrs. Brown S. McClintic, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. William L. Beswick, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Robert Whitfield, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Homer T. McCullough, Chaplain T. L. McKenna, Major and Mrs. Leslie D. Snyder, Major and Mrs. Lemuel R. Williams, and Lieut. and Mrs. Alfred L. Taro, Jr.

On Wednesday evening Colonel and Mrs. Craft were again guests of honor at a "Despedida" dinner given at the Officers' Club by Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. William L. Beswick.

Other guests were Colonel and Mrs. Boyd L. Smith, Miss Virginia Ann Smith, Colonel and Mrs. Mack M. Green, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Robert Whitfield, Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna, Major and Mrs. Leslie D. Snyder, Major and Mrs. Lemuel R. Williams, and Major and Mrs. Cleo Rumsey.

eral Hospital, attended the ceremony. Lieut. Alouez Flynn was the Maid of Honor in the formal wedding party. A reception followed in the Nurses' Recreation Hall.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY FAY HART
Technician Fourth Grade

She should be nicknamed "Lady" for a better example of the word would be difficult to find. She's the "counter" at the end of the pay line as you march through the last day of each month, and her name is Mary Fay Hart. In reality Mary's chief duties are to watch over the service records, individual classification forms, and the pay roll in the Orderly Room of the WAC Detachment. It takes a trained person to know just what she is doing with these various records, and Mary has all the qualifications.

No brainless beauty is Mary, who has the combination of being a very nice subject for the eye and still the brains to pass through four years of State Teacher's College, where she majored in English and Elementary Education. During her last year of college at Flagstaff, Arizona, Mary was assistant registrar, and maintained these duties for a few months beyond her graduation. It was at this time that she decided she would not teach! "Office work is much more interesting," said Mary, "compared to the semester spent in student teaching." Personnel work is her goal, and with her personality, all employees of any office would be kept happy.

Besides her capabilities in the intellectual line, Mary is adept at sports, indulging in the soft-ball team here at Letterman, swimming, riding, badminton, tennis, and dancing. She has a special place in her heart for music, and has a choice collection of records, with Tschai-kovsky in the lead.

In answer to our question: "Are there any more at home like you?" Mary startled us with the answer, "Yes, five brothers and four sisters, and I enjoy each one of them." And we'll bet the feeling is mutual!

RECONDITIONING Says

1. While it pays to advertise, the "Know how" takes a bit of doing! So just in case any future LGH veteran plans to start his own small business or join up with a large concern, a real down-to-earth course in the fundamentals of ADVERTISING will be offered at 1830, Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Bldg 1049. This is open to both patients and duty personnel.

2. Just by way of a reminder, Gompers Trade School offers innumerable opportunities in dozens of trade courses. All free, of course, with transportation supplied daily.

3. Music with a smiling blonde background isn't usually found in routine Army hospitals, but, here LGH patients do get a break. And how! Attractive Harriet Baken is all set to satisfy all your urges (musical, of course) with special instruction in string, wind and brass instruments. Ditto piano and drums. Music groups meet in Y auditorium.

4. A round dozen of earnest would-be Frosh signed up for "English A" at last week's first meeting. This group meets Mondays in 1049 at 1500. There's still time to register.

5. You don't have to be "stage struck" to enroll in Letterman Theatre Workshop, which now offers individual and group work in acting, directing, stage lighting, scenery design and construction as well as Playwriting and make-up. Patients and staff members who needs must "trip the boards" or work "back-stage" may find themselves deeply involved by simply visiting the workshop on second floor of Bldg. 1068. Grease paint and footlights! The plaudits of the crowd! The Theatre does get in one's blood—

6. Each week, various sub-divisions of Reconditioning will be featured in this column. Today the Athletic Area makes its bow.

With increasing numbers, patients and duty personnel alike have been taking advantage of the gymnasium and swimming pool facilities. Of particular importance is the orthopedic remedial program. All patients in this program spend a busy day with remedial apparatus, recreational

activities, and functional swimming exercises to benefit their specific injuries.

Tennis, golf, badminton and all other sports equipment is available at the gym at all times. During the past warm days all the athletic areas bustled with activity.

At 0900 every day in the week, golf trips leave from the gymnasium. We issue an invitation to all patients to join the gang in the sunshine for a round of golf. Transportation is furnished.

Anyone wishing information on athletic equipment and facilities or desiring Physical Reconditioning of any kind give us a ring at the gymnasium No. 2942.

7. The counselling section is anxious to familiarize all patients with the advantages and opportunities now available to all soldiers. Long term planning for a soldier's reconditioning and rehabilitation is one of the most important functions of this section. Army counselors have the assistance and co-operation of such civilian agencies as Red Cross, Veterans' Administration, U. S. Employment Service and California State Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

New patients entering LGH recently know exactly what they want or what will be best for them when they are discharged. Here is where the counselling section steps in. Individual interests, aptitudes, skills and ambitions are discussed and all assistance is given so that each patient may attain his own goal. Counselling section is prepared to answer any and all your questions concerning insurance, mustering-out pay, wearing the uniform, rights and benefits, educational and job training.

Bed patients will receive prompt, personal attention by asking the ward nurse to contact No. 4403, until counselling gets its own phone. Ambulatory patients will be intrigued by following these geographical directions to locate the counselling section—room 19, under the Receiving Office. Go down the front ramp of main hospital, turn to the right at the foot of the ramp, read the signs. If you give up, Bldg. 1039 will set you right.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



CLAYTON EUGENE HARMS
Private

Still a "rookie," but with the poised appearance of a veteran is Private Clayton Eugene Harms who is a recent addition to the Medical Detachment Office, SCU 1972, where he is working as a clerk. It was just five months ago, as he was in the middle of his first semester at the University of Wyoming that Clayton received a letter from the Government . . . "Greetings" it said. That was enough! Sooo, the life of a student was abandoned for a khaki uniform and the customs of a G.I.

Claiming Gurlay, Nebraska, as his home where he lives on a wheat farm, Clayton is strictly an outdoor American boy who likes to go trout fishing, pheasant and deer hunting, and is an ex-member of the school basketball and baseball teams. Besides these sports, he enjoys riding (bareback, no less!) and loves to dip into that ol' swimming hole near home.

He was inducted at Fort Logan, Colorado, and received his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he claims "It rains all the time, and especially when one is taking 'basic!'" Upon completion of that G.I. training course, he arrived at Letterman via Camp Beale last March.

After the "duration plus six" Clayton plans to return to school where he will resume his commercial course and specialize in accounting. In the meantime, however, he hopes for overseas duty in Germany, so that he can see how people on the other side of the world live.

There is another very important thing that he must return to; namely, his model A which he thoroughly enjoys tearing down, and rebuilding. Although there are parts left over when he's finished, it always runs. And what more could anyone ask?

WAC

Passing out wedding announcements to all her friends, we find T/5 Easter Lillie Cook in a bride-to-be-daze. She is busily making arrangements for her formal wedding which will take place in San Francisco on May 12, with T/5 Helen Bjorndel sharing some of the excitement as she looks forward to being a bridesmaid. The lucky man is Chief Electrician's Mate Ray Ferrera who has served over four years in the Navy.

After breathlessly waiting to receive a gift package, which she knew would contain nylons, T/5 Gladys Warfel finally received the box via mail. Upon opening same the box contained . . . nothing!! No, not even a thread!!

Outshining the beautiful white orchid she wore, was T/5 Celia Bartoshevich as she became Mrs. Leon Frye in a ceremony performed in the Post Chapel last Monday night. Pvt. Frye is the SCU 1960 band director. The couple enjoyed a three-day honeymoon at Carmel and Monterey, and eventually plan to live in his home state, Georgia.

They were on the ill-list, but by now we hope they are up and about . . . T/5 Beverly Alexander (sunburn and all!) and Mary March.

The softball team played their first practice game this week against Ft. Mason, with the team consisting of one nurse, two physio-therapists, one civilian, and nine WACs. With Sgt. Chuck Adams on the civilian list, the new coach for the team is now a newcomer to Letterman, Sgt. David Blackburn.

Off they go into the wild civilian yonder! T/5 Clarabell Phillips and Pvt. Ruth MacGregor; T/4 Lena Clark, Sgt. Mary Russo, S/Sgt. Emily Maxwell, and T/5 Vivian Arnold are ex-Bealites, and by now T/5 Anna Campbell must be at Ft. Sheridan. They are lost in the civilian shuffle and we wish them a lot of luck and success in their new lives.

Here they are again! Off with the old . . . on with the new . . . A list of our additions to our detachment for the past week: Cpl. Anna Laue arrived from Castle Field in Merced, California; Sgt. Celia Glick comes to us from Lovell Hospital, Ft. Devens, Massachusetts; Private Myrtice (who will be recognized for her unusual first name) Vosberg is a re-enlistee; and Private Florence Price (no relation to May Bell) is also on the re-enlistee group.

PATIENTS UNDERGO ORAL SURGERY WITH PLEASURE—THERE'S A REASON



Miss **LEONNE D. BRENNAN**
Just call her "Ginger"

If you are an average mortal with a mortal fear of the dentist's burr, you will be happy to know that here at Letterman we have an antidote and it really works. No one looking into the limpid eyes of Leonne D. Brennan could have room for any thought of a dentist's burr and its consequences while she is in such close proximity.

Leonne is a native daughter suffering under the handicap of being born on the wrong side of the Bay, namely and to-wit: Oakland, where she attended Oakland High School and majored in art at the University of California. Her professional training was taken at the Dental Nurses School at San Francisco and since she came to this side of the Bay everything has been rosy.

Miss Brennan had been employed as a private duty dental nurse in San Francisco prior to joining the Letterman staff on 12 March 1942, which you will notice indicates she has been with us more than four years. She has been a very valuable assistant in the department of oral surgery and has paid such close attention to her profession that we

believe Leonne could finish anything an oral surgeon might start.

When not engaged in the business of quieting nervous patients, she likes to golf and ride with an occasional dance for variation, while she still maintains her love for her own major—ART. Explanation: That's not a man's name.

The "Miss" before her name really means that she is not married now and never has been married. We would not go so far as to say she does not hope to be. She is fortunate in owning her own coupe, driving back and forth daily between her residence on Lincoln Way and the hospital. Interested eligible males who are shy on transportation of their own might remember the coupe when indulging in reverie about a "date" on these fine spring evenings. The phone number is in the book.

If you happen to be passing the oral surgery department and a red-headed nurse waves a cordial greeting from the window, it will be perfectly proper for you to reply, "Hi, Ginger." That's her favorite nickname.

The Stork Was Here

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. James Dolan, a son, **James Monteford**, weight 8 pounds and 6 ounces, born 25 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Martin Foster, a daughter, **Marion Lea**, weight 6 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 26 April.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. Ermo B. Gemignani, a daughter, **Cheryl**, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 26 April.

To T/5 and Mrs. Paul Bond, a son, **Paul Elmer Jr.**, weight 5 pounds and 11½ ounces, born 26 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. John C. Beechley, a daughter, **Janet Christine**, weight 6 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 26 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Nicholes Mile-tich, a daughter, **Kristine Marie**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 27 April.

Wedding Bells

At the new post Presidio Chapel on April 13th, Lieut. Houghton Gifford and Miss Doris Eloise Hare became Mr. and Mrs. in a formal Episcopal wedding ceremony performed by Chaplain (Captain) Herman N. Benner.

Dr. Lloyd Patterson and Mrs. Gloria Patterson were best man and matron of honor, with Lieut. Colonel Harold L. Stewart giving the bride away. Among the many guests were Colonel Brown McClintic, MC, and Mrs. George Gifford, mother of the groom. The soloist was Mr. Joseph Rowe, who sang "Oh Promise Me."

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Franciscan Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, where more than one hundred friends gathered to congratulate the newly married couple.

Lieut. and Mrs. Gifford have just returned from their honeymoon, which was spent at the Santa Cruz Mountains and Carmel, and will make their home in the Sunset District of San Francisco.

Bound to stir up controversy is Erskine Caldwell's new book, "A House in the Uplands." This original story teller has used the theme of the decay of Southern gentry; a book of terrific pace and precision that uses his customary characters, the poor white trash, as secondary elements in the tale. Gray, the last of a line of proud and pampered aristocrats, who brings sorrow to all whom he contacts, is perhaps the most fascinating and pitiful character of modern fiction. In the Library.

CIVIL CIRCLES

by Lillian Jones

They're off! The Registrar's office will bid goodbye to Bunnah Shaw as she leaves this week with her husband for an extended trip to Texas to visit with friends and relatives for a month. Also leaving—but for the Midwest—is Ruth Oles.

It was a pleasant surprise to see one of our favorites, Pat Wilson, out for a visit the other morning, and having "coffee time" with her many friends in the PX Grill.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Frances Ahrens of the Registrar's office on the recent death of her mother.

Back again to the EENT office is Alice Deenan, the victim of the measles the past week. She's feeling so much better and is minus her little red spots.

Although the weather was not too favorable, the trip to Carmel for the week-end was thoroughly enjoyed by Pat Mockbee.

A big "hello" goes to Winifred Kirk, the latest addition to the staff in Occupational Therapy. She came here from Bushnell General Hospital.

Returning this week from the two-day Occupational Therapy Conference held in Los Angeles, Dorothy Sniffin is just bubbling over with enthusiasm and new ideas.

"Jackie" Shaffer of the Motor Pool should be hired by the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce. She reports a wonderful time spent there Sunday.

From all reports the dinner held last Friday in honor of Sgt. Henry Kuntz, who retired May 1, was most successful. Gordon Auers and Bob Bement were among those who attended.

Doris Hare Gifford returned last Monday after honeymooning on the Monterey Peninsula since her wedding a few weeks ago. Her most popular book of the month is full of recipes she intends to try.

Jesse Medlin, attendant on Ward 43, is taking off for an extended trip to the East Coast.

"And on top of it all, this guy is a gentleman farmer."

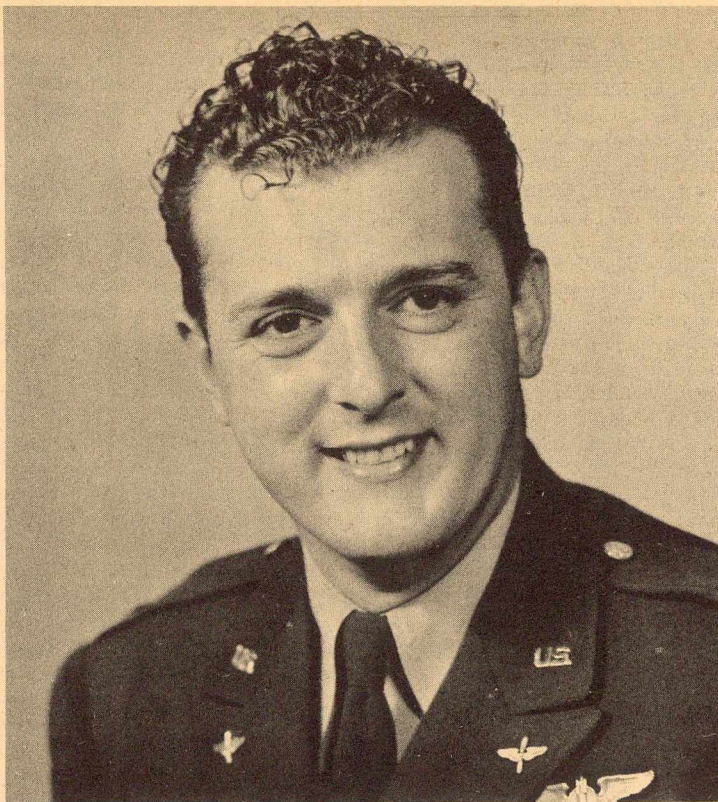
"Do you mind telling me what you mean by that term?"

"Confidentially—the only thing he raises is his hat."

Goitie: "Say, Moit, what do they mean by a 'peeping Tom'?"

Moitie: "Oh, that? That's just a wolf out window shopping."

OUR AIR FORCES LIAISON OFFICER IS EXPERIENCED IN HIS LINE



Captain ALFRED H. CORREY, AAF
Deals with problems of Air Force patients

The tall, dark and handsome young captain who wanders from ward to ward at Letterman is not a casual visitor but a man making a job out of seeing people. Specifically, the men of the Air Forces are his care but he is always willing to lend a helping hand to others in the army.

Captain Alfred H. Correy is the t.d.&h. man and he is the liaison officer for the men of his branch and the high command of Letterman. He has been with us in that capacity since January of this year and has long since built up a local reputation as a "can do" person. Bringing to this assignment an experience gained in similar duty at Pawling Convalescent Hospital, England General Hospital, and at Langley Field has made him a very valuable addition to the Letterman staff.

But the captain has not confined his activities in the Air Forces to acting as a one man "sick committee." He is a sure enough combat veteran and wears the Purple Heart ribbon to show he was not only under fire but actually hit. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross for achievement in knocking out an

underground hangar in the heart of Germany, and he has a flock of clusters for the Air Medal.

Captain Correy is a native of Buffalo, New York, and sometime student at the University of Syracuse. He had hoped to finish there but the war came along and kept him rather well occupied at that as an avocation. He began his military career with the Cavalry in 1938, switched to the Coast Artillery in 1940, and then over to the Air Forces in 1941.

Lest the young ladies of the command jump to the conclusion that he is another eligible bachelor it would be in order to mention that he ceased to be such in 1944 when he married Miss Merle Swaim, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Christopher, now two months old, is a permanent member of the family.

For the men of the Air Forces who have problems Captain Correy is the man to see. He listens patiently and acts promptly.

He does his bit to maintain the Letterman tradition of service to the patients.

DANTE ANTICS

Ward 102 practices isolation to the nth degree. Lieut. Frances Pleasants had a whale of a time trying to get word through to her mother that she was a patient there.

Dante is buzzing with more Australian war brides. Lieut. John Low was tearing his hair out trying to find enough baby cribs for the babies with measles and mumps and Helen McCall, ARC, dashed madly about trying to get more feeding bottles.

Captains Robert Johnson and Herbert Gundersheimer have both left their wards to become patients rather than Ward Officers. They have been replaced by Lieut. Farnham Kimball and Capt. Edmond Alberton.

Eleanor Broline and Edna Toole, Red Cross workers, spent the Easter holiday in Pasadena.

Miss Peggy Ryan, Universal star, is a regular visitor to ward 204, where she calls on Lieut. Col. Catherine Sinnott, ANC.

One of the most appreciative of Miss Helen Keller's visit to Dante was Mrs. Martha Clark on ward 204. Mrs. Clark has been completely blind for the past eight years.

Among the lucky minority of soon-to-be civilians leaving for Camp Beale this week are: Mary J. Mason, Virginia L. Abercrombie, Louise Strabala, Evelyn Davis, and Oma Sager, ANC.

Lieuts. Catherine Boyce, Carolyn Fechter, Fay R. Sullivan, Margaret E. Grunden, Velma S. Grove and Florence Cardos have been transferred to O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, May 4, and on Saturday, May 18 at 9 p.m.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.

Junior hostesses will welcome you.

"The Ragged Edge" by Jack Kerne is a "dead-end kids" sort of story set in New York's lower East Side. Old Pop and Ann Slater watch their three children, Trina, Joe, and Deny, face the sordid life of the slums. In spite of disastrous happenings, it all ends happily, just as in the movies. In the Library.



With the big leagues started on the 1946 marathon, a two-bit bargain—Who's Who In Baseball—is a mighty handy pamphlet for baseball fans. Complete major league totals and averages, names, dates and places are all there to absorb.

The current Who's Who contains the records of 274 major leaguers in its 96 pages, an increase of 71 players over the 80-paged 1945 edition. Some 41 entries of last year failed to make the grade for various reasons, including the final decisions lost to Pop Time of the following stars—Paul Waner, Bob Johnson, Paul Derringer, Gerald Walker, etc.



Since the 16 clubs will carry a total of 480 after June 15, allowing five service vets per club over the customary 25-player limit, it's plain to be seen that the 274 of Who's Who are fairly exclusive. However, baseball's social register is somewhat embarrassed by the printed presence of Danny Gaddella, Luis Olmo, Alejandro Carasquel and Nap Reyes, the Latinos who jumped to the Mexican League.

Interesting facts are plentiful. For instance, Bob Newsom's checkered career with 20 stops in 18 years, touching 14 major and minor clubs—some for return engagements. In contrast are the solid services of Ted Lyons and Mel Ott, the former hurling 20 seasons with the Chisox, his solo pro affiliation, while the Giant manager has slugged a like period for New York.

While Bucky Walters is rated one of the most successful conversions from the infield to the pitcher's box, Who's Who shows that Bucky was actually reconverted. He started in organized baseball as a pitcher for High Point in the Piedmont League in 1929, one year before coming to Portland in the New England league as a short-stop.

You can pore away indefinitely at Who's Who and more than get your money's worth.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD WITH THE PATIENTS

By Bette Byers

After returning from a forty-five day furlough, Sidney Densley of C-1 finds he now has a private room! Nothing too good for one who has been tasting civilian life! He will be talking of his trip to Goldendale, Washington for some time to come, and of his fishing, dancing, and swimming sports while there.

James McDonald of K-2 is a tennis enthusiast who spends an average of five hours a day on the courts. Although he plays while one arm is in a sling, he is darn speedy on the cement, and manages to trim Lieut. Evelyn Flynn, his worthy opponent.

Wrestling fiends from ward 3 are Steve Burdolski and Donald Hughes, who trek down town almost nightly to see the struggling and groaning of their favorite subjects. The boys in that ward hear the whole story upon their return.

Dave Bachtel of ward 8 claims his favorite sport is football, although he hasn't seen a game in years. Dave played quarterback at his alma mater, Seattle High School, in Washington. Another favorite sport is to sit through a quiet evening at the "Y" watching people pass through the doors, forever hoping to catch a glimpse of a model for pin-ups.

Back to ward M-1 after honeymooning is Armando Novelo, who spends a great deal of his time on the ward these days.

Ward 2 is hiding a singer, Terry Grant, whose real name is William E. Grant. Terry, recently arriving from Fort Lewis, Washington, recently finished a two-week network program over KRKO called "Brunch at the Bungalow." He's a baritone who loves those sentimental songs, and has written the lyrics for a popular ballad, "Two Loves" which will soon have its place on the market. When he becomes a civilian again, Terry plans to continue with his premed course at the University of Washington. He's going to be a singing doctor!! What more can a patient ask for??

Chester Green of M-1 has gone into the jewelry business on a small scale! For sale—one engagement ring, very new, and unused! There's a story behind it, no doubt.

Lance Hewitt of ward C-1 is as far as we know the youngest patient at Letterman. Lance is just six years, and "one-half" he claims proudly. Seen in his wheel chair at the PX, we had a difficult time seeing him behind that great big cone he was licking! Lance is definitely an Air Corps man, with his father in that branch of the service . . . a Lieutenant Colonel in Italy.

As of 2 p. m. yesterday, Hyman Harnick is a "Mr." However, with his heart in the right place, as usual, he is staying until Sunday, when he will take that "sentimental journey" to New York, in order to act as MC

"Finger-Busters" Organize Model Airplane Club

Model airplane enthusiasts among the patients got together last week and formed a club—The Letterman Model Airplane Club, also known as "The Finger-Busters."

Reason for that finger-buster alias is that there is liable to be some damage done to index fingers in starting the engine for the plane's takeoff. In fact, according to Flora Bannard, one of the club's sponsors, members don't feel quite full-fledged until they've done a little finger-busting. Donald Abrams of the Post Engineers is the other sponsor of the club.

Weekly meetings are held Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center, and twice a week, on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, the club members give their planes a workout in the playground area of the Presidio.

Charter members of the club are: President, Charles Girsberger, Ward 2; vice-president, Ramer Pfeigle, Ward O-2; Arthur Gilman, Ward F-1; Leo Lambert, Ward O-2; Rarrell Pearson, Ward 14; Howard Bott, Ward M-2; J. Pat Carrico, Ward M-2; Jerry Fell, Ward 2, and George Sherman and Waldo Barton, both patients at Dante Annex.

for the G. I. Variety Show at the "Y" tonight. The show should be a huge success, with Jim Williams singing boogie-woogie, Stanley Fell also vocalizing, and two new detachment men, Tony Vecca and Ray Jenkins playing guitars. The show will feature two ex-G.I.'s, Fred and Angelo, in impersonations. In a way, it will be Hyman's farewell party, and we wish him every success in his civilian career.

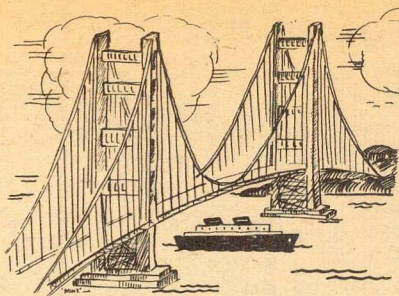
Spending his days and nights over at the "hangar" at the "Y" is Howard Bott of M-2, who concentrates on model airplanes. He varies from making miniatures of the real McCoy and making nothing any engineer would ever recognize.

Many patients are suffering from mike fright, it was discovered recently when Johnny Miller of the radio room did his Ward Party broadcast. The boys probably think that any mike carries a coast to coast hookup! However, a few of them did break down and say a few words (very few) during Johnny's interviewing. Aren't they gamblers who think a chance at a long-distance telephone call home is worth a few words???



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"He never could hold a job—now he's been discharged from the Army!"



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Chaplains' School Is Back to Peace Time Schedule

The first session of the Army Chaplain School under the postwar plan closed May 1, 1946. During war-time, student clergy were rushed through a one-month course which it was hoped would fit them to cope with their Service problems. Now a more thorough three-months' course is being offered which will give the chaplain a picture of his peacetime job and its many opportunities.

The School, formerly on the Harvard University campus, is now located at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. It has a faculty of eight chaplains and a number of occasional instructors and lecturers.

It may seem odd that chaplains with several years of war experience should go back to school for such an extended period, but chaplains facing a peacetime situation with its more normal tempo and its family aspects, are appreciating the value of the new course.

The fifty-five student chaplains range through the grades and include 1 first lieutenant, 17 captains, 22 majors, 14 lieutenant colonels and a single full colonel.

All the principal faiths are represented. Included are seven Catholics, one Jew, and forty-five Protestants of whom two are Negroes. The predominant Protestant groups listed are Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran with a dozen other groups represented.

Twenty-six different States contributed students, with Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Virginia, Illinois and New Jersey taking the lead in that order. The great majority of them came directly from American pulpits. A number, however, were former missionaries in the Philippines, India and Alaska. Others served in home missions or as CCC or prison chaplains. Their war record



HER FIRST MOTHER'S DAY IN U. S.

Mrs. Joan Bond, Australian war bride of Cpl. Paul E. Bond of St. Louis, Mo., shown here with their son, Paul Elmer, Jr., born April 26 at Dante Annex a few hours after Mrs. Bond was rushed from the SS Mariposa to the hospital.

is indicated by more than ninety decorations awarded them. These decorations include: Three Silver Star, two Legion of Merit, one Soldier's Medal, twenty-seven Bronze Star, one Air Medal, two Commendation Ribbon, seven Purple Heart, one Certificate of Merit, four Distinguished Unit Citation, forty-one Campaign Star, one Croix de Guerre (French), one Foreign Legion Citation (French), one Cross of Italy (Italian).

The chaplain has had a thorough

theological training before entering the chaplaincy. His studies in The Chaplain School are, therefore, primarily on the military side. The subjects include: Practical duties of the Chaplain, Organization of the Army, Customs and Courtesies of the Service, Army Morale, Military Law, Military Sanitation, First Aid, Chemical Warfare Defense, Map Reading, Burial and Graves Registration, Music Appreciation, Personal Counseling, Organized Athletics and Drill, Special Subjects.

Irwin Memorial Blood Bank Supplies Letterman Patients

An appeal for more blood donors has been made this week by Irwin Memorial Blood Bank of San Francisco, which last month supplied nearly 150 pints of whole blood for Letterman patients.

Since the Red Cross blood bank was suspended when the war ended, the job of furnishing whole blood to Letterman, Dibble and other military hospitals in this area has been done by the Irwin Foundation. This organization is sponsored by the San Francisco County Medical Society, and has been operating for five years. Its director, who is also one of the founders, is Dr. Curtis Smith. Dr. C. L. Cooley is president of the medical society.

The blood is needed for the wounded in military hospitals, for accident, emergency and surgical cases, and in some cases for mothers of new-born babies, who can be saved only by a type known as "special factor blood."

The blood bank depends upon AWVS members for help in soliciting donors, and for work as hostesses, canteen workers, and drivers.

Persons who wish to donate their blood may either phone WA 5600 for appointment, or come to the blood bank, at 2180 Washington street, at their convenience.

Hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The time needed is only about 30 minutes. It is requested that no solid food be taken four hours beforehand.

Library Makes Leisure Pleasant for Lettermanites

Lettermanites like to read, and they have plenty of opportunity and material, with 16,000 books in the hospital library. During April, reports chief librarian Leah R. Frisby, there was an approximate turnover of 30 per cent of the books, and that figure includes medical books.

Bed patients are especially avid readers, having "cracked" 2300 books last month. Helen Jones, former librarian at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, is the librarian in charge of the ward service, supplying supplementary study aids for the patients who are taking courses, as well as "giving out" with recreational reading. Elizabeth Wheaton (sister of Jim Wheaton, Ward 2), and Ruth Weaver (wife of Donald Weaver, Ward 29) alternately assist Miss Jones in wheeling the heavy book truck up and down the ramps.

Every bed patient is visited twice a week on regularly scheduled days, and the librarians, anticipating their wants, load the truck with favorite subjects and specially requested titles. Galloping rootin'-tootin' westerns, tough mysteries and the latest best sellers are always popular, and the serious-minded ask for philosophy, biography, history and similar brain-teasing books.

In the Main Library, where duty personnel and civilians are welcome as well as the main customers (the ambulatory patients), there is a thriving business, evidenced by attendance records of 3550 military and 1038 civilian personnel during April. This added up to a circulation of 5635 books.

The pamphlet file of job opportunities is in constant use. The material in this file is kept up-to-date with latest information supplied by the industrial concerns of the Bay area at the request of Mrs. Frisby.

The comfortable seating in the library is filled daily, except when the competition of warm outdoor sunshine becomes too strong. Magazines and newspapers in abundance augment the material between book covers, and Louise Stockle and Alfreda Matthews will testify to that abundance, because they check in some 3000 of the aforesaid mags and papers each month.

"Our own subscriptions have been supplemented by those from inactivated hospitals, so we supply Dante, East Hospital, Crissy, and the NP



READING IN THE MAIN LIBRARY AT LETTERMAN
Is a popular pastime with both patients and duty personnel.

Branch, besides the main library and the wards," says Mrs. Frisby.

Doctors and nurses are borrowers, too. The medical library is in constant use, some 186 books being checked out in April. Further needs are filled by borrowing from Lane Medical Library those medical books and journals not in the Letterman collection. During the past two months, hundreds of duplicate medical volumes have been received from inactivated hospitals, and usable little libraries have been placed on many of the wards and in the offices of chiefs of services.

Monthly purchases of books include as many new vocational subjects as are available. These are highly popular with the men who are taking courses under the supervision of Reconditioning Division, and serve as supplementary reading for their class work. Mary Frew catalogs all new books, and the job keeps her busy full time. Capt. Mary L. House of Special Services is responsible property officer for the whole collection.

The library clerk-stenographer is Myrtle Kirby, well-known as a long-time Lettermanite. General "House-keeping" in the library involves the whole staff, what with shelving books properly so borrowers can find them easily, putting current copies of magazines in their covers, keeping the filing straight at the desk, and sending the overdue notices for those books not returned on time (tsk, tsk!). The library's shiny floors are kept that way by Jimmie Wardman, the genial and efficient janitor.

Lena Sniveley keeps the patients' library going at Dante Annex, with the alternate assistance of Mary Tobin and Gail Knight, who have also served at East Library Branch and Crissy Annex Branch under the immediate supervision of Elizabeth Reeve. Elizabeth is also responsible for the library exhibits on the ramp bulletin boards.

The library staff wishes "good reading" to all personnel, but especially to Letterman patients. Library hours at the main hospital are 9 a.m.

One of Seven

Surgeon Lieutenant Jeanne Montgomery, one of the seven women doctors in the Canadian Navy, was a visitor at Letterman this week while in San Francisco on her separation leave.

She has been in the Navy for two years, and is now returning to private practice. Dr. Montgomery, whose home is in Toronto, Ontario, said that she had been wanting to see San Francisco because her grandfather practiced medicine here.

While here Dr. Montgomery was received by General Hillman and later made a tour of the Dante Annex.

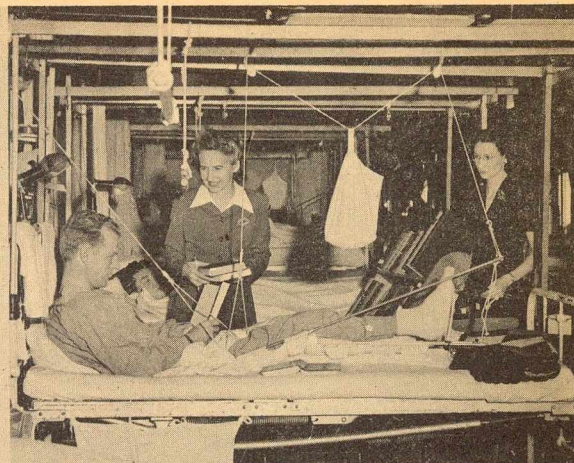
Early to bed and early to rise and your gal goes out with six other guys.

to 8:30 p.m. daily; at Dante Annex, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily except Saturday and Sunday; at East Hospital, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Drop in and browse and borrow!

On And Off The Wards With The Letterman Cameraman



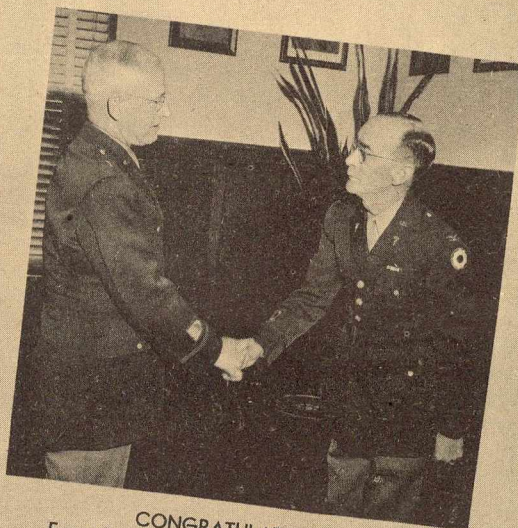
ENJOYING THE LIBRARY
Are Pvt. Lee Fialla, Ward D-2, Sgt. George Ashmun, Ward 2, and T-4 Hannah Waterson of the WAC detachment.



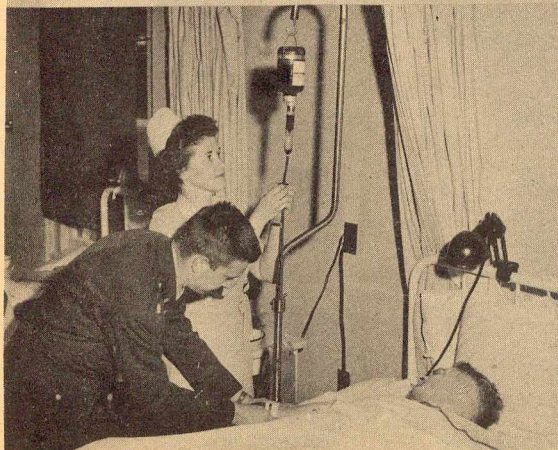
THE BOOK TRUCK
From the main library at Letterman stops to let Pfc. Edward Mayer, Ward D-1, choose some books. Librarians Helen Jones (left) and Ruth Weaver are on their regular twice - a - week rounds of the wards.



DECORATED
By General Hillman this week were (L to R): Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft, Lt. Col. Chas. E. Cocks, Jr., Maj. Lois F. Kinnison, ANC, and Lt. Howard T. Hutchings.



CONGRATULATIONS
From General Hillman to Col. Boyd L. Smith, who has just received the Army Commendation Ribbon



BLOOD TRANSFUSION
Capt. Virginia Sanderson, ANC, assists Maj. D. L. Brubaker while he gives a transfusion to Sgt. John D. Parker on Ward L-1.



"AT EASE" ON BAY BOAT TRIP
Recruits of the Medical Detachment sightseeing on San Francisco Bay to celebrate completion of their three-week training period.

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EDITORIAL

MOTHER

Tomorrow throughout this land of ours will be "Mother's Day" and thoughtful sons and daughters will strive in some way to show special honors to the one person to whom they are dearest.

The sentiment behind this day is truly commendable and had its origin many years ago. With the passing of time its observance has grown to almost universal acceptance. The churches arrange special programs of worship for the day in which the central theme is mother love. The Secretary of War issues a special message to the men and women of the Army urging them to write a letter to mother on "Mother's Day" to let her know that wherever they may be on her day she has a warm place in their hearts and thoughts.

Commercial Americans have endeavored to "cash in" on this recognition of mother to a degree that is not always in keeping with the spirit of the day. Their sales campaigns are featured in sharp contrast to the unselfish love of mother who gives all and asks nothing. We are never too happy about the commercialization of Mother's Day.

If Mother has gone to the Great Beyond let us remember her in prayer, and if we still enjoy the boon of her earthly presence let us acknowledge in word and deed our everlasting

Begin Writers' Workshop Classes For Patients

A Writers' Workshop group, for study and production of the various forms of creative writing, began work last week at Letterman. The course, which is a part of the educational program of Reconditioning Division, will last ten weeks.

The instructor is Dr. Iona R. Logie, author of "Careers in the Making" and other books. She is a member of the faculty of Hunter College, New York, and is now on sabbatical leave. Last year she conducted an educational program at Walter Reed Hospital. "Some of the patients here at Letterman may have known my brother during the war," said Dr. Logie. "He is Col. Marc J. Logie, who is now stationed in Tokyo."

Writers' Workshop classes are held three times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 2 p. m. The group meets in Building 1039, but has been going outdoors, now that the weather is nice, during the class period. Dr. Logie has conference hours on class days from 12:15 to 1 p. m., when patients may get individual help with their writing problems. Bed patients will also be given individual help upon request, since they cannot attend classes.

Several in the group have already turned in work for critical discussion.

Instruction in writing articles, short stories, feature stories, radio scripts, plays and poems are all part of the Workshop program. At present the group is small, and patients interested in creative writing are urged to contact Dr. Logie on extension 4403, or to come to Building 1039 to sign up for the class.

"Meeting in a group like the Writers' Workshop proves very stimulating to creative effort," said Dr. Logie, "and I want to pay special tribute to the men for the help they give one another in their class discussions."

Elected

Major Lloyd Linehan of the Dental Branch, Letterman General Hospital, was elected secretary of the California State Dental Association last week at the organization's 76th annual convention.

ing gratitude for all she has meant and been to us.

Make this "Mother's Day" one she will long remember.



Major Lois F. Kinnison, ANC, arrived last week from Ninth Service Command headquarters, Fort Douglas, Utah, and is now assigned to duty here. Major Kinnison's home is in Sweetwater, Texas, and she has been in the Army nearly six years. A day or so after her arrival here she was decorated by General Hillman with the Army Commendation Ribbon, for "meritorious service as Chief, Assignment Branch for Army nurses, Office of Service Command Surgeon, NSC, for 24 October 1942 to 15 April 1946." Congratulations!

The nurses' quarters are buzzing these days with arrivals and departures. Twenty-nine nurses left for overseas duty; 20 arrived from Fort Ord, and 10 from Pasadena, which makes quite a turnover.

The 29 who left today for Fort Lawton, Washington, en route to the Pacific Theatre, were: 1st Lieuts. Mary E. Rapp, Virginia L. Warren, Marian E. Novak, Agnes M. Williges, Lala L. Gandillon, Virginia B. Lester, Juliana E. Schano; 2nd Lieuts. June D. Harris, Adeline Donsky, Pauline M. Halter, Evelyn R. Esola, Sarah G. Gomez, Ann C. Cawley, Elsie Schorno, Mary P. Shore, Julia M. McCarthy, Peggy E. Burke, Eleanor A. Gustin, Margaret E. Hallam, Anges M. Sebastian, Rose K. Obrezar, Anastasia Fostek, Mae L. Spoon, Ellen E. Aaron, Ella F. Cordray, Rose I. Renner, Hulda R. Kornelsen, Ruth M. Retzer, and Georgia L. Thompson. Bon voyage!

From Fort Ord came: 1st Lieut. Pearl A. Davis, and 2nd Lieuts. Helen L. Berg, Agnes C. Estey, Marjorie Heaser, Iris M. Lawton, Violet O. Maxwell, Jeanne A. Peterson, Mary W. Stephens, Lennie R. Tuter, Florence S. Warner, Arliss D. Albert, Louise M. Dillard, Elizabeth J. Fulghum, Ingeborg Kvamme, Ruby I. Lien, Vida Morser, Margaret S. Sheffield, Ruth Teitler, Catherine Wambecke, Esther Wieland.

From Pasadena Regional Station Hospital: 1st Lieuts. Eleanor M. Stanford, Theda T. Reed; 2nd Lieuts. Patricia B. Bunnell, Alda J. Enrico, Mary E. Onaindia, Leila R. Plaster, Ethel L. Rolo, Mary C. Rose, Mary F. Sharp, and Hazelle I. Wiggin. Welcome to all the newcomers!

The nursing staff has been fur-

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, May 12, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to the family of Miss Bertha C. Lovell who died in San Francisco on Wednesday following a long illness.

Miss Lovell was the Red Cross Field Director at Letterman from 1926 to 1944 when she resigned because of illness.

Mormon Services

Regular L.D.S. (Mormon) services will be held each Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Letterman Chapel, which is above the Main Post Exchange. Patients, detachment members and civilian personnel are invited to attend.

To Washington

Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman is leaving Sunday, May 12, for Washington, D. C., for a conference at the Office of the Surgeon General. He expects to be away for a week or ten days.

ther augmented by the arrival of two captains—Capt. Edith M. Mercer, just returned from duty in the European theatre, and Capt. Sarah M. Pollock, back from Germany and still waiting for her footlocker. Wardrobe: one uniform, and that's not a joke, son!

Lt. Minnie Yenkey, who is alerted for overseas duty, has been on leave for four days this week, and there is some curiosity as to whether or not she has been going to the races—and if so, did she win?

ON THE SPOT



JESS FISHER
Corporal

One of the busiest patients in the hospital is Cpl. Jess Fisher of G-1, whose days aren't long enough to complete the daily schedule he sets up for himself.

Jess hails from Flagstaff, Arizona where he completed high school and immediately entered the Army Air Corps as a cadet only to find that the training was practically non-existent. After taking his basic at Amarillo Air Field, Texas, he transferred to Gardner Field, Taft, California, and then to Douglas Army Air Field, Douglas, Arizona where he was an MP Sergeant for a short while and then a Provost Marshal clerk. Unfortunately his dreams of becoming a flier were never realized.

Jess has a great love for sports and allots time for a daily swim. His other favorite sports include baseball, basketball, and football. He's also a racing fan, and claims that "the way I bet I can't lose!" meaning that his bets are so conservative he always keeps just ahead of that "in the hole" stage. Midget auto races are also on his list, and every Sunday you'll find him at Visitacion Valley in San Francisco, rooting for his favorite. His nights are spent at the Civic Auditorium watching the wrestling and boxing matches, or at Seals Stadium, giving his hearty yells to the support of the SF team. If there's a basketball or baseball game going on at the Post, he's sure to be among the spectators.

Although Jess' father is a civil engineer, and Jess was always expected to follow in his footsteps, the course of his goal changed when he was in his last semester of high school. Then, as now, he set his heart on becoming a corporation lawyer, and as soon as possible will attend Columbia College and later Columbia University in New York City as a means to this end.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. Ain't we got fun? Lt. D. G. Shaw is suspected of purposely scrambling last week's directions on how to find his COUNSELING office in Room 19, just to see how many really could ferret out that section's lushly carpeted "dug-out." If he did it for a bait, he surely got a Big Bite . . . None other than General Hillman, himself, who was finally rescued from the maze of underground labyrinth corridors!

No wonder some of you got lost! Thanks to the C. G., honest-to-goodness signs will shortly point the way to this very essential counseling service.

Meanwhile the following information regarding job placement is of utmost importance to all service people—

Through the representatives for USES (U. S. Employment Service) soldiers are familiarized here with employment opportunities throughout the nation, and assisted in making the proper job selection according to their aptitudes, abilities, training and preferences.

While in LGH, the USES not only helps the soldier to decide on what he wishes to do when discharged, but also advises him as to employment opportunities and housing facilities in the locality of his future home. This is extremely important to a newly discharged veteran, who has had no means of knowing the problems he will encounter as a returning civilian.

Information on length and costs of part time or full time apprentice training is supplied as well as arrangements made for immediate placement on completion of the individualized training program.

Should it be impossible (when the time comes) immediately to place the veteran in a satisfactory job, the USES, here, will assist in filing claims for unemployment compensation.

For veterans interested in settling in the Bay Area, the USES offers invaluable assistance and advice through its Commercial and Industrial offices in San Francisco. Incidentally, the Industrial office of the USES has yet to fail in placing any skilled craftsman in a trade suited to his talent and ability.

Room 19 is the nerve center for advice and counseling on all phases of a prospective veteran's return to civilian status. Do not hesitate to make full use of this service. No question is considered too trivial to answer—No problem too great to be solved!

Room 19 is in the main headquarters building UNDER the Receiving Office. Next week, another Service will be discussed.

2. WACS (Nurses and Red Cross personnel, too) may take an informal try at the Public Speaking class held at 1500 on Tuesday and Thursday in No. 1049. Corporal Larr, genial instructor, says that inexperienced speakers will find in this group a splendid chance to overcome "stage fright" as well as to develop the ability of "talking on your feet."

3. "In the Spring," masculine thoughts seek flight on wings of song! Which may or may not account for musical waves of sound floating out from the newly formed singing group. Planned simply for the joy of singing, patients and duty personnel alike are invited to participate by singing up in No. 1039. It's fun and you need not be operatic or concert aspirants.

4. What with a hint of summer in the air and the fishing season opening, O. T. says lessons in fly-tying may be forthcoming if more fishing hooks can be managed. We'll keep our fingers crossed; for the time being we'll give out the hooks we have in stock.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ONA W. HODNETT
Technician Fifth Grade

"Private Secretary G. I. Joe" the letter said. She laughed and immediately crossed off the "Secretary", knowing that the envelope was addressed to Pvt. Joe and more likely to reach him with his proper title. This is only one of the many amusing things that T/5 Ona Hodnett comes across during her working hours in the main hospital post office.

Although she is a conscientious worker and very accurate, Ona's past experience and future ambitions are far from the duties of a post office mail orderly. Before that time, she was attending a home-economics school, Montpelier High School at West Point, Mississippi, learning to cook fancy dishes, sew, and other home-making duties. And (you'd better sit down when you read this) her future is well planned. Ona will some day become an embalmer! With her lovely naturally blonde hair and blue sometimes-taking-on-a-brown-tint eyes, Ona hardly looks like she'd be interested in a corpse.

Aside from the common interests in sports like riding, basketball, (she was on the WAC team) dancing, and shows, Ona likes to fish and keep scrap books on current events. She's very handy with a needle, and loves to knit and crochet. Not only that . . . the girl can cook, too! Her favorite recipe is—cheese souffle!

In March of '45 Ona enlisted for medical technician's work, but due to her high rating on the clerk's test at Oglethorpe she was sent to clerk's school for training. This was disappointing, but when she sees various cartoons or lipstick prints or the standard S.W.A.K. on envelopes she admits her job is very interesting and often most amusing.

Pvt. Umbriago says that when it comes to eating, you've got to hand it to the Venus de Milo.

WAC

A sunny May wedding day will be among the memories of T/5 Ver-na Eastman, who became the bride of Daniel F. Ervin last Saturday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stanley J. Reilly in the chapel at Letterman. Cpl. Ethel Lee was maid of honor, and Sgt. Charles Myers was best man. Mr. Ervin was recently discharged from the Army, and after his bride receives her discharge, the couple plan to live in Klamath Falls, Oregon, the groom's home town. At present Mrs. Ervin is on furlough, and she and her husband are spending it in Klamath Falls.

On the May birthday list, and therefore in line for congratulations and lots of good wishes, are T/5 Louise Matsek, T/5 Rebecca Monroy, and T/4 Lillian Kallatsa.

After attending the Newspaper frolic at the Civic Auditorium recently, a group of WACs were seen on Market Street forming a circle around a Tec. Sergeant of the WAC detachment. The scene nearly caused a tie-up of traffic and pedestrians, but the protective circle was successful, and saved said sergeant an embarrassing moment. Right?

Sorry to hear that T/4 Beatrice Roy was hospitalized this week, and hope she is up and about again by now.

Almost looks like an "On to Wisconsin" exodus this week on the furlough list. Of the six members of the WAC detachment who left for furlough this week, three are Wisconsin-bound. They are T/5 Josephine E. Casper, T/5 Frances Jenkins, and Sgt. Ruth Batt. S/Sgt. Tillie Maciejewski went to Michigan on a 27-day furlough, and T/4 Dolores M. Ohrmundt has 21 days and plans to go both to Minnesota and Oregon during that time. T/5 Bette Byers has only a week, and is sunning herself in Santa Barbara. Happy days!

Boat Trip

Patients at Letterman will be taken on Bay sightseeing trips this summer on the old river boat Army Queen. First trip was last Saturday, when 250 recruits of the Medical Detachment celebrated completion of their three-week training period with an all-day trip along San Francisco's waterfront. Future trips will be scheduled for patients.

SHE ENJOYS SEEING TO IT THAT PATIENTS ENJOY THEMSELVES



Miss LOUISE ISGREEN
Head Red Cross recreation worker

Louise Isgreen, who is in charge of the main hospital's Red Cross recreation program at Letterman, came here in March, and brought to her work such a fund of interest and enthusiasm that already she is known for "doing a very good job."

"The biggest proportion of our work is the recreation program on the wards," said Miss Isgreen. "We show full-length movies twice a week in bed-patient wards, arrange games, sponsor clubs for groups with special interests—such as the Camera Club, the Stamp Club, the Bridge Club, and the Chess Club—and arrange ward parties and parties in the Recreation Hall. One of the recent parties in the hall was a basket social, and everyone enjoyed it a lot."

Miss Isgreen is from Salt Lake City, and though she likes California very much, she admits that occasionally she is a bit homesick. She is a graduate of the University of Utah, where she majored in dramatics and music. Before becoming a Red Cross worker, she did advertising and promotion work in New York, Hollywood and Salt Lake City.

All her family are "medically inclined," and at one time she thought of becoming a doctor. Her father was a doctor, her two brothers are doctors, and her sister is a laboratory technician in a hospital. One brother, Major John W. Isgreen, who served during the war in Manila and Tokyo, has recently received his discharge; the other, Lt. Paul Isgreen, recently entered the Army.

Miss Isgreen began her Red Cross work in November 1942, and was head recreation worker at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Seattle, Washington, for two years. She was then with the U. S. Fleet Hospital, San Francisco, for a time, and later at the Army Air Force Regional Hospital, Kearns, Utah. That assignment gave her a chance to get home to Salt Lake City occasionally.

She enjoys dramatic work, and was a member of the Salt Lake City Little Theatre Group. She hasn't joined a theatre group here because "so much of my work is in the evening, I'm afraid I wouldn't have much time to devote to it," she says. She sings and plays the piano, but is very modest about both accomplishments. She enjoys skiing,

Dante Antics

Lt. Col. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., executive officer, is back from a two-week leave and looking very fit.

Lt. Robert Tentschert, Detachment of Patients Office, left last Friday morning form Camp Beale on his way back to civilian life.

Our very best wishes to Lt. Ruth Waddell, ANC, and Captain Nathan Block, MC, who were married Monday afternoon, 6 May.

The cheers and groans coming from the Red Cross recreation room are from the Cribbage Tournament that is in progress there. Cpl. Briggs and Pfc. Benner are leading, as the tournament goes into the third set of games.

It's good to see Lt. Robert Dawson up and about after so many months spent in bed.

The beautiful flowers in George Hicks' room on ward 301 are grown right in his own back yard.

Pvt. Juan Sanchez, ward boy on ward 102, and more recently a patient on that same ward, has written a short poem on democracy which is to read at the graduation exercises of his high school class in Hot Springs, New Mexico. Pvt. Sanchez was unable to complete his education before he entered the service but by studying in his spare time he has completed his high school course and is graduating with his class even though he will not be there.

The new WAC in physio-therapy is T/5 Theresia Stubits, who was transferred here from Letterman.

Sgt. Hazel Wooley, formerly of the Medical Service Office, leaves this week for overseas duty. Sgt. Wooley was one of the seven girls chosen for this duty from the Letterman staff. T/5 Margaret Prender-ville has replaced her.

Name, Please

If you're a Letterman patient and are from Vanderburgh County, Indiana, please turn your name in to the Chaplain's Office, Room 209, Administration Bldg., extension 3070. The names have been requested by the Evansville Chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

swimming and badminton, with skiing in the top spot. "I miss skiing, because at home it was only 35 minutes away, and it's quite a bit further here," she says.

Her office is in the Recreation Building, and she's always glad to have people drop in to chat.

Civil Circles

By Lillian Jones

Mildred Bryant, formerly of the Provost Marshal's office and now in the Nurses' Section, left this week with her husband for Annapolis, to attend the graduation of their son from the Naval Academy. Following that event, the family will visit in South Carolina and Virginia before returning to San Francisco.

Welcome to June Grumstuiop of Separation Section, who recently transferred to Letterman from Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa.

Two wanderers from the Dental Branch, Ellen Bauer and Vivian Wreden, found their way back after vacationing for a whole month. Among the highlights of their motor trip were a rodeo in Arizona and shopping in Mexico.

"Bea" Foulk of Out-Patient Branch is leaving this week for Ogden, Utah, where she plans to enter college.

On the way to acquiring an enviable tan, Warren Hearst of the Finance Office tees off each Sunday morning at one of the Peninsula golf courses. He says he can always be certain of warm sunshine down thataway.

Jean Beaver is planning a brief trip to Eugene, Oregon, and expects to see many of her college classmates while she's there.

Bursting into print in the San Francisco dailies, our "Beebee," from Prosthetic Section, received recognition for her clinic demonstrated at the Dental Association convention held last week in San Francisco.

Janie Gieger of EENT Branch returned after last week end with a new and very becoming coiffure.

Voted the most sunburned girl of the week, Lillian Wickstrom returned Monday after another sunny week end. Someone said she made a tomato look anemic. Is that possible?

A big welcome to the recently-arrived staff of the radio room—Johnnie Miller, Roger Skelton, Clarence Cretan, Harold Haklik, "Don" Sherwood and Donald Schwab.

With destination Frewsburg, N. Y., Mary Frew of the library staff left last week to visit her family. The town of Frewsburg was named after one of her ancestors. Mary plans to stop off en route for a few days in Los Angeles, then on to Chicago and New York.

Mrs. Zita Kelly of the Personal

WELCOMED BACK TO LETTERMAN AFTER A FIVE-YEAR ABSENCE



Technical Sergeant CONRAD H. NIEMEYER
In charge of Police and Personnel

He enlisted March 27, 1939, and his first station was at Letterman General Hospital. Now, seven years later, after re-enlistment, he is again at Letterman, and very glad of it, too, he says. The man in question is T/Sgt. Conrad H. Niemeyer, who is now in charge of police and personnel here, having taken over the duties of Master Sergeant Henry Kuntz, who retired last week.

T/Sgt. Niemeyer was at Letterman his first trip from March 1939 until January 1942. Then, as a member of the 104th Division of the 329th Medical Battalion, he was sent to Camp Adair, Oregon, where he remained until January 1943.

After a brief time at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, he was assigned to duty at Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois. He was at Mayo nearly three years, then returned to

Affairs office and her daughter Mary went by train to Klamath Falls, Oregon, last week end to say bon voyage to Mrs. Kelly's daughter-in-law, Betty Campbell Kelly, who left by clipper to join her husband, Lt. Jack Kelly, at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Letterman. Getting back here last December, he re-enlisted.

Then came that 90-day furlough, which wasn't at all hard to take. "I was so glad to be back in California after being away from it so long that there was no need to take a vacation trip for my furlough," said Sergeant Niemeyer. "San Francisco was just the right spot for 90 days of leisure."

Before he was in the Army, Sergeant Niemeyer lived in Los Angeles for 12 years, but after about a year in the Bay Area, he was won over to northern California, and permanently, he says. He is a native of Indiana.

Seems his favorite off-duty pastime is fishing—and more fishing. Asked if he got in any fishing during his furlough, he replied "Solid 90 days of it." And refused to brag about the big ones he'd caught, which proves him a true disciple of Izaak Walton.

Sergeant Niemeyer and his wife Margaret, who has accompanied him to his various Army stations, are now happily established in quarters on the post.



To Capt. and Mrs. Robert L. Carey, a daughter, weight 7 pounds and 10¼ ounces, born 29 April.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Ervin Kapp, a daughter, **Linda Rae**, weight 4 pounds and 12 ounces, born 29 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Curtis Kekoa, a daughter, **Catherine Anne**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 30 April.

To 2d Lt. and Mrs. Frank Rankin, a son, **Dennis Robert**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, born 30 April.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Lester Balog, a son, **Michael**, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces, born 30 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Carl A. Hage-lin, a daughter, **Jean Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 1 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Girad Meeks, a son, **Peter**, weight 5 pounds, born 1 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. George Dom-onousky, a son, **George Thomas, Jr.**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 1 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Irvin H. Schier, a daughter, **Louise Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 3 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Lum-bardo, a son **Gene Odell**, weight 6 pounds and 11 ounces, born 3 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Francis P. Schomus, a son, **Paul Francis**, weight 6 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 3 May.

To Major and Mrs. Sanford El-berg, a daughter, **Cassandra Eliza-beth**, weight 6 pounds and 2 ounces, born 5 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Owen Crowe, a daughter, **Kathryn Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 5 May.

The Library has acquired several more titles in the interesting "Rivers of America" series. Included are: The St. Johns, The Kentucky, The Chicago, The St. Lawrence, The Charles and The Twins, The Passaic and The Raritan. If they are about your part of the country you'll want to read them for sure, and if not, you'll be rewarded by the tales of history and folklore of other parts of the country. In the Library.



Ed Head, Dodger hurler, ran out of cigars twice in one day.

First he became a daddy to his second son and then he hurled a no-hitter against the Boston Braves. But Branch Rickey, Brooklyn prexy, will personally buy Ed a cigar factory if he duplicates his sensational twirling feat that earned him a niche in baseball's Hall of Fame.

It was the first no-hitter by a Dodger pitcher since Tex Carleton stopped the Reds without a bingle in Cincinnati in 1940. What makes Head's great job more spectacular is the fact that he became a right-hander by accident. When he was fifteen, he had his left arm—his pitching flipper—crushed badly in a bus accident while traveling with his high-school team to a contest.

Within two years Ed learned to pitch with his other arm. While in the Army, last summer, he met more misfortune which almost threatened his hurling career again. He got mixed up with the recoil of an anti-tank gun and his right arm went practically dead.

But the Braves will testify that Ed's arm is better than ever.

Inflation has really hit in sports! Ringside seats for the Louis-Conn fight in June will cost \$100. Just what will a century note get you today? There was a time when it would get you a flivver, or a good radio or two good suits.

Boxing fans shelled out \$25 ringside for the first Louis-Conn bout. That was five years ago when both were that many years younger. Yet there are many who will gladly pay \$100 for the privilege of seeing the costly encore on June 19.

Taking a quick rundown on other sports events, \$100 would be almost enough to see one sport for most of the season. You could take in about 40 baseball games from box seats; purchase about 14 box seats for an Army-Navy grid game; get loge seats for 25 Madison Square Garden basketball games; or take in 28 days at the racetrack.

SPORTSTUFF: Oklahoma A&M is the only college that can boast all-Americans in three different sports. In addition to Bob Fenimore, grid halfback, and Bob Kurland, cage center, David Arndt and George Dorsch, wrestlers, made the mythical all-American grappling team. . . . Don't shed any tears because Paul Derringer is a minor leaguer after pitching stellar ball for 15 years as a member of the Cards, Reds and Cubs. Paul will receive 15 grand for hurling for the Indianapolis Indians.

On and Off the Record With the Patients

Congratulations to Sgt. Bob Anderson, the popular pianist of Letterman's radio room. Two exciting things are about to happen to Bob—he's leaving May 10 to become a civilian again, AND next Tuesday he will start playing with Henry Busse's band at the Palace. Though Lettermanites are going to miss him, they're wishing him the best of luck on the big time.

A lot of people go in for autographs on their casts, but T/5 Take-mi Kajikawe has really truly paintings on his—thanks to a fellow patient on Ward E-2, Pfc. Forrest Theriot, who decorated the cast with a ship and a Hula dancer. It seems that Pfc. Theriot's work is much in demand and much admired.

Pvt. Harold Briggs and Pfc. Arley O. Higgins of Ward N-2 are among those who request hepcat records daily from the radio room. Favorites among the jivey tunes are "No-Name Jive" and "Drum-Boogie." Discs by the King Cole trio are the ones they like best.

On Ward F-2 the other day Pfc. Enrique Brizola (and they call him "Junior") was braiding a leather

belt, with Pvt. Walter Roberts of Ward 31 as his chief assistant. Anyway he said he thought it would turn out to be a belt, and it certainly looked like a reasonable facsimile thereof. Junior has a sorrow, and maybe you could help him out. There's a record he'd like the radio room to play, but they don't have it. It's "Fry Me, Cookie, With a Can of Lard." Any offers?

The six-year-old on Ward C-1 that was tagged last week as Letterman's youngest patient has a competitor that practically makes him sound like an adult. It's 2½-year-old Michael Baumgarner of Ward G-2, who has a broken leg as the result of a fall. Michael is the son of Captain Baumgarner, and despite his youth, is known as a very "patient" patient.

Five patients on Ward K-2 reserved a table at the Fairmont Tuesday for the morning radio program "Breakfast on Nob Hill." They not only got on the program, but came back with lots of loot, all candy. Those who won the sweetstuff: T/Sgt. Milo Hastings, S/Sgt. Edward Becker, Cpl. James Hamilton,

Star-Gazing

When a Hollywood designer says that women can get along with a wardrobe of "one well-made tailored suit"—that's news, and ought to be good news for husbands whose wives complain that they "haven't a thing to wear." Sharaff, who designs clothes for Myrna Loy, says that this one suit, accompanied by a supply of blouses and sweaters, will outfit a woman for almost any occasion.

It seems Australians bring their kangaroos along when they come here. Ann Richards, who is starred in RKO's forthcoming "Badman's Territory," brought with her from Australia her pet kangaroo, "Hopalong," and now she's had to take out a common carrier license for him. Reason: He accompanies her on shopping expeditions (it says here) and carries her purchases in his pouch.

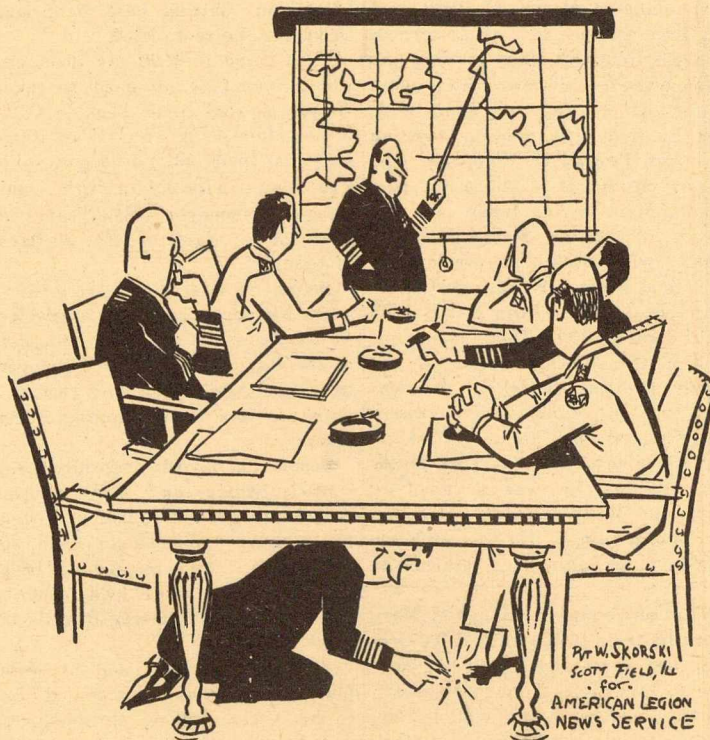
Latest fire hazard to be met and conquered in Hollywood is the inflammable wig. The ones in question are 26 inches high, worn by dancers in the Greek ballet in Rita Hayworth's new picture "Down to Earth." The dancers carry flaming torches throughout the routine, so to safeguard the girls against fire the wigs were fireproofed with liquid asbestos. That's one way to take care of people who are carrying the torch!

Ray Milland, who portrayed a drunk in the Academy award picture "The Lost Weekend," describes his new role, in Paramount's gold-rush picture "California," as that of "a no-good rascal who never takes a drink."

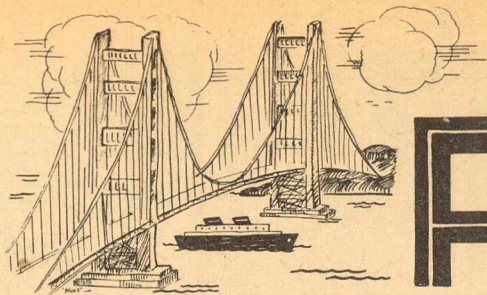
Awards

Five members of the hospital staff were decorated this week by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman. Army Commendation Ribbons were awarded to Col. Boyd L. Smith, Lt. Col. Chas. E. Cooks, Jr., Maj. Lois F. Kinnison, ANC, and Lt. Howard T. Hutchings. Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft received the Oak Leaf cluster, Army Commendation Ribbon.

Pfc. Anthony Cecillo and Pfc. Allen Torlakson. Confidentially, it wasn't only the breakfast they enjoyed, but also the blonde on the program, first name Ruby, characterized by Sergeant Hastings as "nothin' but sharp."



"We shall soon see how effective incendiaries can be."



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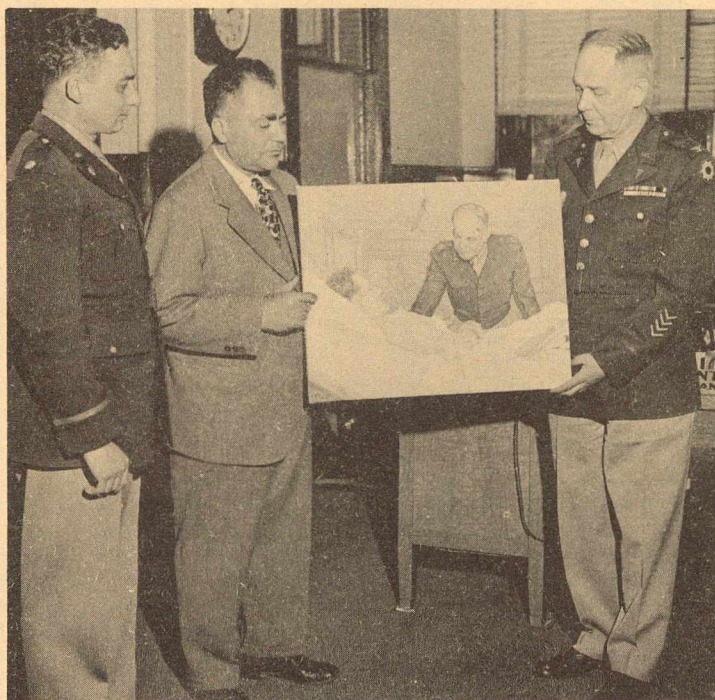
WACs at Letterman celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Corps this week with "business as usual," remaining on the job, and observing the occasion with an informal party held the evening of the anniversary—May 14.

Members of the Women's Army Corps have been on duty at Letterman a little over a year, the first group having arrived here in March 1945. Captain Ernestine L. Stevenson has been Detachment Commander all during that time. The first group numbered 38 WACs, which later increased to a peak of 350. Present strength is 277.

The following congratulatory messages to all WAC personnel from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, and from Col. Westray Battle Boyce, Director of the WAC, were received here this week:

"It is my pleasure to transmit to you, for the WACs under your command, General of the Army Eisenhower's greeting on the fourth anniversary of the Womens Army Corps. 14 May '46, and to add my own tribute, General Eisenhower's message follows:

"An occasion such as this, the fourth anniversary of the Womens Army Corps, gives me the opportunity to express my satisfaction in the impressive record of competence achieved by the Army Service Women. On this, the first peacetime observance of the Corps anniversary, the Army, and I am certain, the people of America, join me in greeting the twenty-five thousand WACs still in the Corps, on duty here at home, and across the oceans in the European Theater, in China, Japan, Korea and in Hawaii. You, and the seventy-five thousand of your members who have returned to civilian life, shared many of the hardships of the



PORTRAIT OF GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Is presented to Letterman General Hospital by the artist, Hretchia Krouzian of the Signal Corps at San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason. Above are, left to right: Maj. C. F. Sawyer of the Signal Corps, Fort Mason, Mr. Krouzian and Col. Brown S. McClintic, Letterman deputy commander. Col. McClintic, in accepting the portrait for the hospital, congratulated the artist on the excellence of his work. Mr. Krouzian painted the picture, which is titled "General Eisenhower Visits Letterman General Hospital," after a photograph taken by Sgt. Wegner of the Port last February on the occasion of General Eisenhower's visit here.

soldier, rejoiced in his advances against stubborn, fanatical foes. Yours is a stirring glory of American women who worked to help fighting men achieve victory.

"To those of you still on the team, shouldering the responsibilities of reconstruction and peace, our special appreciation.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

General of the Army
Chief of Staff

"Today, the events of the last four years will pass in review in the minds of all who have ever worn the uniform of the Womens Army Corps. Admittedly an experiment brought about by a critical need of manpower in 1942, we have moved from the experimental novelty to a vital status that proves the members of the Womens Army Corps have been and are essential in the Army. To those

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Colleges Report Student Openings For Veterans

More than 700 colleges, universities and professional schools in 47 states reported as of March 10 a total of 162,485 student openings for next fall for which they will accept applications, the Veterans Administration reported this week.

Most of the vacancies are in small colleges and only a few of the better known universities are on the list. California reported more than 10,000 vacancies.

The report is based on a VA survey of 1,600 institutions of higher learning, to which 1,029 schools replied. VA warned that the results are based on only two-thirds of the nation's accredited colleges and universities and reflect a condition that existed in March.

The veteran who wants to attend a general college or university next fall will find opportunities in 46 states. The survey shows 39 states have openings in junior colleges, 35 in teacher's colleges and 29 in professional schools.

Every state, except Wyoming, reported some opportunities for veterans and 38 states had more than 1,000 openings apiece. Texas was high, with 13,156, and New York, California and Illinois each reported more than 10,000 vacancies.

While nine schools reported that they each would accept veteran applications for more than 2,000 students, VA said more than 300 schools reported fewer than 100 openings. Only 16 state universities reported vacancies.

One-third of the vacancies are in liberal arts courses.

They Make Them, They Fly Them, They Take Them Apart

When the "Speckled Chicken," the "Flying Nightmare," and "Salvage" are in the air, that's nothing unusual, that's the "Y" Model Airplane Club members out on a field trip, flying their planes.

"Salvage" earned its name because it was made from the wings from one plane, the tail from another and the landing gear from a third. And it flies, too. It sometimes displays a little temperament, as on the day when instead of doing the orthodox kind of flying that was expected of it, it chased its proud owner, T/5 George Shernaman, around and around in a decidedly boomerang action, concluding by mashing a wing on his shoulder. Of course that was better than having him mash a shoulder on the wing, and much more easily repaired, too. Oh, well...

Pfc. Charles Girsberger's "Speckled Chicken" provided an amusing interlude for the boys the day the battery displayed its "floating power." The "Chicken" was doing some fancy flying when suddenly the battery came loose, and when the plane went into a dive the battery defied gravity and stayed up in the air, sailing around practically independently, except for a single wire attaching it to the plane.

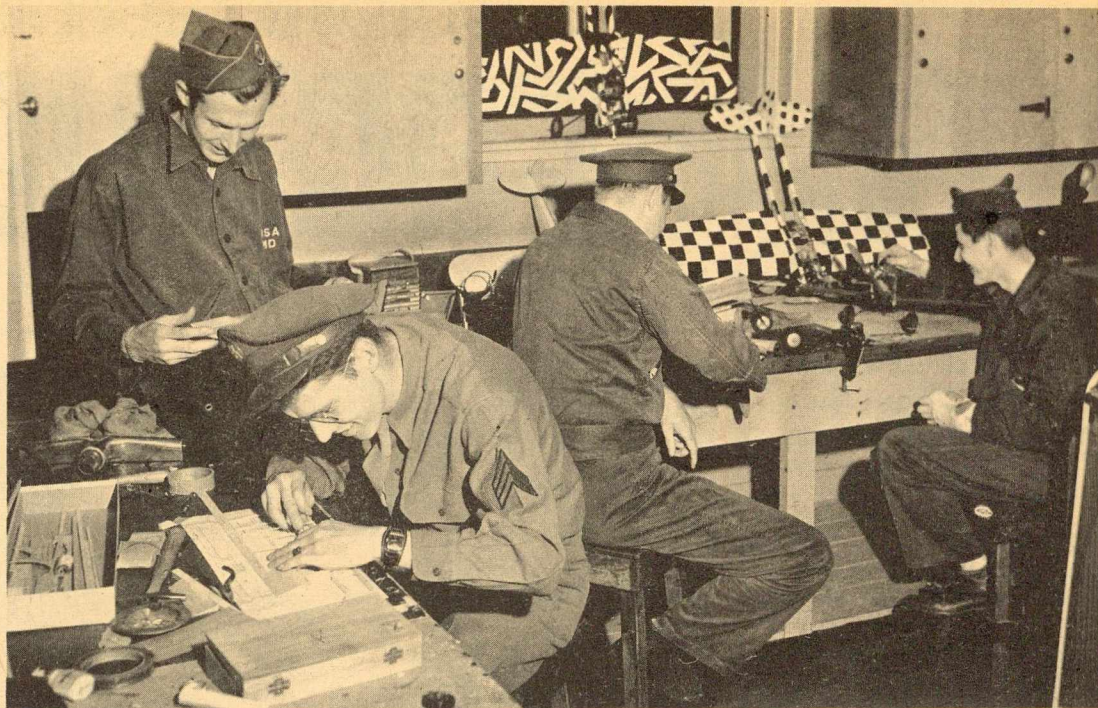
Sgt. Jerry Fell of Santa Maria, California, Ward 2, and Cpl. Howard "Bob" Bott, of Gering Nebraska, Ward M2, were the moving spirits of the club.

Jerry and Bob both served in the South Pacific during the war, and both came out of the fighting with hand injuries. They met as patients at Letterman, and became friends over their interest in model planes. Then they discovered that though they had never met before, they were half-brothers. That made the partnership a natural.

They've collected a bunch of other enthusiasts among the patients, and every day the group is to be found in the Craft Room at the "Y" or out on a field trip. They don't let anything interfere with their model airplaning, and since the room is available from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m., they have a chance to work night and day—and they do.

They'll be glad to welcome more and more members, and they urge those who are interested to drop in any time.

Donald Abrams of the Post Engineer is called sponsor and "legal advisor," and he's also an active member, having turned out two



MODEL AIRPLANES IN THE MAKING

At the YMCA Craft Shop. The four Letterman patients at work here are, left to right: Sgt. Jerry Fell, Pvt. Jack Stow, T/5 George Shernaman, Pfc. Charles Girsberger.

planes so far. Among the others in the club are Pfc. Charles Girsberger, Walla Walla, Washington, Ward 2, the president; S/Sgt. Leo Lambert, Pittsburg, California, Ward 301; Lt. W. M. Wilson, San Gabriel, California, Ward A-1; Pvt. Jack Stow, Santa Maria, California, Ward O-1, and T/5 George Shernaman, Ward 42. Sergeant Lambert's wife is also a club member.

The club buys materials for planes at the PX Hobby Shop at Letterman, including the engines, which range from 1/7 to 1/4 horse power. They hold enough fuel to keep a plane in the air from 3 to 7 minutes.

You can pay from \$5 to \$79 for an engine, but you don't have to go to extremes like \$79. You can get a good serviceable one for \$14. And they give length of service, too. Charles Girsberger has one that's been working for him for more than six years, and is still going strong. The members buy parts and repair their own engines.

Materials for the planes cost from \$3 to \$10. "We hardly ever make them up according to the specifications, we modify the design," said Sergeant Fell. "For instance, the designs never call for wing ailerons, but I'm putting them on the plane

I'm working on now."

Everybody has their own tools, and since there is a good deal of borrowing back and forth, each member paints his tools a different color. There are blue, red, yellow, white and striped ones. That way there's no doubt about whose are whose.

On field trips, the club members operate this way. There is just one plane in the air at a time, and the one who is flying his plane gets concentrated attention from all the others present. Then they give him the benefit of their expert criticism and advice.

At present the boys are working on a jet-propelled unit, the same type as the German V-2 (buzz-bomb, in case you've forgotten). And when that gets under way, look out!

MORE ABOUT "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

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of you still at work in hospitals, separation centers, Army Headquarters, and with the occupational forces overseas, is due a special tribute on this, our first peacetime anniversary observance.

"This I extend to you, with my

Veterans Get 24-Hour Service At S. F. Office

Round-the-clock service to veterans seeking information concerning benefits and assistance in filing claims was initiated this week by the Veterans Administration regional office, 49 Fourth Street, San Francisco, it was announced by Robert P. Shields, manager.

Ex-servicemen and women and their dependents may obtain answers to questions on GI insurance, educational benefits, disability and death pensions, loans and medical care. Application forms may be filled out on the spot.

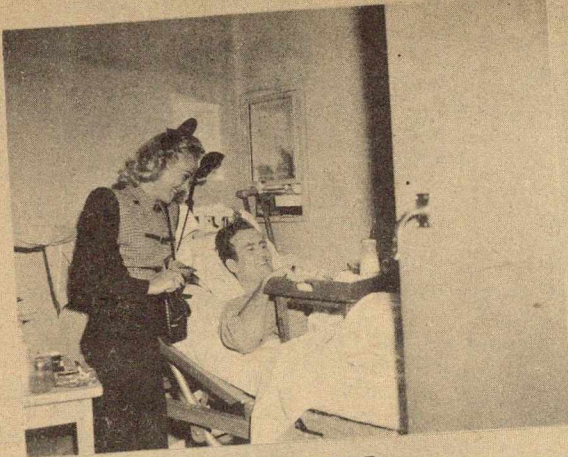
Offices will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to aid those veterans who are unable to get in during the day, Mr. Shields said.

The new service is a part of the VA's expanding facilities at 49 Fourth Street. The office at Fort Miley, 42nd Avenue and Clement, will continue in operation.

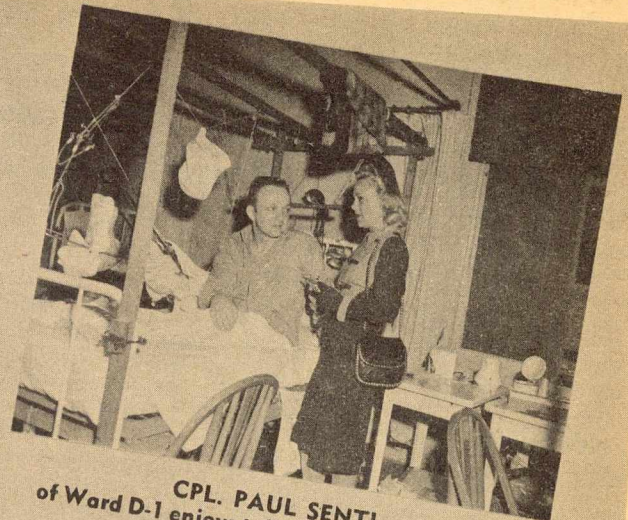
personal admiration and pride in your service.

/s/Colonel Westray Battle Boyce
Director, WAC."

Here And There at Letterman With The Cameraman



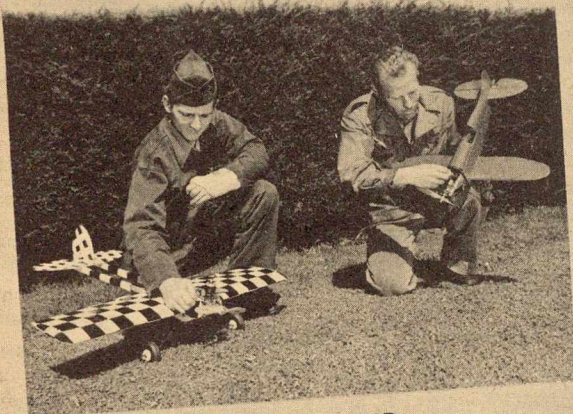
SONJA HENIE
Here from Hollywood, and visiting Letterman patients, was on hand when John E. Condan of Ward E-1 got his dinner tray and gave it a big smile of approval.



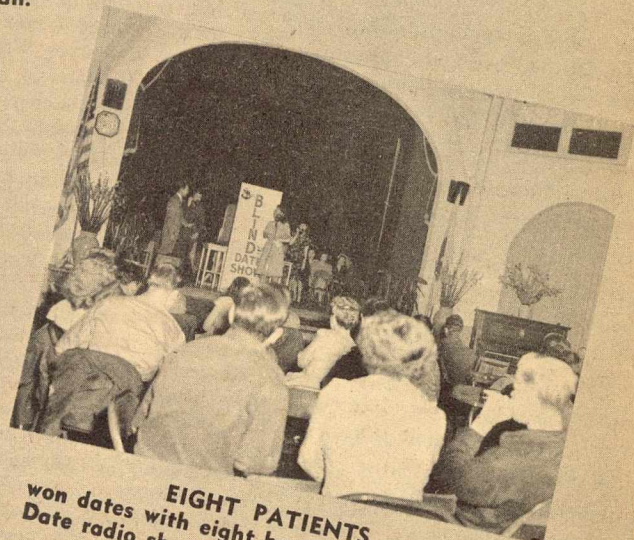
CPL. PAUL SENTI
of Ward D-1 enjoys talking with Sonja Henie



PATIENTS ON WARD 26
Are each presented with a dictionary by Lieutenant Wepman.



WELL IN HAND
Are these planes being readied for a take-off by Charles Girsberger and Donald Abrams of the Model Airplane Club.



EIGHT PATIENTS
won dates with eight hostesses at the Blind Date radio show held last week at the Recreation Center.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Congratulations

A birthday is always an occasion for congratulations, and the fourth birthday anniversary of the Women's Army Corps is no exception.

On May 14, 1942, the corps came into being as an auxiliary, known as the WAAC, and in September, 1943, it became part of the Army, and was henceforth known as the WAC. Now the Corps has completed four years of Army service.

WACs have now been on duty at Letterman General Hospital for over a year, and have earned the commendation of staff and patients alike for their outstanding performance of the duties assigned them.

They work as technicians in the medical, surgical, dental and laboratory branches of the hospital; they perform varied clerical duties in the offices.

When assigned to certain tasks they do them cheerfully and willingly, an attitude which goes far in establishing pleasant relationships with their co-workers.

WACs at Letterman deserve a special "Happy Birthday" wish and an extra "well done" for their good work and cooperative spirit.

WAC

By Bette Byers

The bells are still ringing for gals and guys around the detachment, and although Afton Thompson was among the brides of two weeks ago, the story is going to press for the first time.

It was a very informal ceremony performed in the home of Judge Schumacker in beautiful St. Francis Wood, San Francisco, on April 30th which sealed the marital vows of Afton Thompson and Lieut. Stanley Richardson. Lt. Richardson is a patient on ward N-1 here at Letterman. The couple will eventually make their home in Berkeley, California.

One of the loveliest brides to come from the detachment was T/5 Easter Lillie Cook as she marched down the aisle of the Ocean Avenue Presbyterian Church May 12th in her beautiful white gown carrying her bouquet of gardenias surrounding an orchid. Her Maid of Honor, T/5 Helen Bjorndel, wearing a dainty yellow formal, added to the pretty decorations as she stood by to see Easter become Mrs. Ray Ferrera. The couple will make their home in San Francisco after they return from their honeymoon in West Virginia.

The barracks on the hill have taken on the hustle and bustle of an ant hill as everyone packs away cosmetics and clothes in preparation to moving to the lower WAC area and the ex-band quarters in building 1110. The forsaken hill barracks will be remodeled and turned into Officers' Quarters for the 6th Army.

Belated Birthday Greetings to us!! This remark was overheard as I passed a group of veterans viewing some WACs nearby: A familiar animal whistle, followed by, "They sure look nice for four years old!" Everyone who attended the birthday party in the dayroom thoroughly enjoyed the celebration, including the punch and petit fours. Our birthday present to us was a collection of popular, semi-classical and classical records to the tune of \$61.00.

Greetings to our new Assistant CO, Lieut. Mary V. Chapin, who joined us last Thursday. Lieut. Chapin was stationed at Ft. Stevens, Oregon, and you Illinois girls will be interested to know her home is in Chicago.



By Bette Byers

The boat picnic given last week for Letterman and Dante nurses, dietitians, and physiotherapists was a huge success. As the Army Queen an ex-river boat, toured the San Francisco Bay, the officers enjoyed a picnic luncheon and refreshments while viewing the surrounding scenic beauty.

Captain Edith M. Mercer has exciting tales to tell of her experiences during her sixteen months in India and six months at Okinawa where she was Director of Nurses. She's so happy to be back and is already busy on ward G-1.

Abandoning K-2 for a twenty day leave is Lt. Frances Flynn, excitedly planning for her wedding next week to T/Sgt Tim Kimmerle, an ex-patient here. Tim recently returned from three years of existence in a Japanese prison camp and lost no time in discovering our petite Frances. Their honeymoon will be spent in Miami, Florida. The couple expect to make their home in California where Tim, a regular Army man in the Air Corps, will be stationed.

A recent Lettermanite and bride is Lt. Anna L. Grant, who comes to us from Pasadena Stational Regional Hospital and has recently been assigned to N-1. Although she spent a great deal of time in North Ireland, she is still minus a brogue. While overseas, Lt. Grant was in France and on the front lines during the battle of Brest. Now she is patiently waiting for her resignation to clear so that she can take on her duties of the very important role of Mrs. H. E. McGregory.

Lieut. Nelly Frees took time out from her terminal leave to visit her friends here and reminisce about her Letterman days. Former Lieut. Marion Murphy, now Mrs. Michael Hitchko, gave her Letterman friends a very pleasant surprise when she visited here this week. She was stationed at Letterman during 1940-41, when she terminated her nursing career. As her husband, Lt. Colonel Michael Hitchko, is stationed at Letterman, her friends are looking forward to future visits from Marion and her family, Michael John and Barbara Jean.

Major Eileen Brady, Captain Eliz-

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, May 19, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Veterans Questions Answered by VA Representatives

More than 59,000 Northern California veterans sought the advice and service of Veterans Administration contact representatives during March, reports the Veterans Administration.

Another 38,000 veterans in separation centers were advised of rights and privileges awaiting them in civilian life, Keith L. Pruyn, chief of the contact service, reported.

Pruyn and his staff of 69 contact representatives operate through 11 VA offices, separation centers, community sponsored information centers and hospitals in Northern California.

Questions asked range from how a Spanish-American War veteran may increase his pension to how a World War II veteran can get free schooling at the University of Paris.

Pruyn observed a consistent trend in the type of questions asked. Pension questions concern most people early each month, he said, while insurance questions predominate late in each month.

In the Nation 4,000 contact representatives in 775 offices give assistance to veterans and their dependents approximately 1,500,000 times a month.

abeth Johnson, and Lieut. Mary Trefzger from Letterman, and Lieuts. Mary O'Connor and Grace Boggess from Dante seemed very happy at the prospect of their trips to New York, Texas, and Pennsylvania on hospital trains. They were transferred to the Train Unit for Temporary duty this week and will return soon with details of their trips.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DELPHIA M. SINCLAIR
Technician Fifth Grade

After a very involved discussion on broomcorn, Delphia Sinclair and I merrily chatted about her . . . a very pleasant topic in anyone's conversation. Del hides out in the surgery room . . . septic surgery, that is! For one so young, she's doing a very technical job, and her interest in it accounts for her proficiency.

Del was born in Lindsay, Oklahoma, which started our broomcorn talk, and in recent years moved to Los Angeles, California. Fresh from the bobby-sox stage of Lindsay High School, with her career before her, Del, with her love for medicine, decided to become a Cadet Nurse and enlisted in the Corps. However, the chosen path is not always smooth, and she found upon arrival on the west coast that California's qualifications for a Cadet Nurse were slightly different than those of her own state. The WAC Medical Corps was the alternate choice. She became a woman soldier in February '45 and joined the Ogleshorpe basics and later attended Surgical Technicians' School there.

Arriving at Letterman in June '45, Del spent her last month of advanced surgical training at Dante Annex in the operating room and on the women's ward. Following this period, she worked on wards D-2 and F-2 at Letterman before transferring into septic surgery, where among other duties she sets up the stands for minor operations and dresses wounds.

Her two great loves are roller skating and medicine, with the latter uppermost in her mind at the present time. Upon being discharged, Del's attractiveness will help decorate a southern California college in preparation for becoming a doctor. When someone cries "Is there a doctor in the house?" won't they be surprised when our blue-eyed French-Irish lassie answers the call!!

RECONDITIONING Says

1. A course in the fundamentals of PSYCHOLOGY will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays at 1400 starting next Monday (20 May) in Room 3, Bldg. 1049. Corporal Alfred Larr, of the Education Staff, announces his course will be based on Professor Ruch's popular text "Psychology and Life," copies of which will be made available to members of his class.

Patients and Detachment personnel interested also in studying Vocational and Abnormal Psychology may make individual arrangements for both instruction and reference material.

Incidentally, if Corporal Larr seems a bit starry-eyed and in the clouds, you should know why. Al is honeymooning in Carmel with his bride, the former Dorothy Webb. The new Mrs. Larr is no stranger to LGH, where she has been teaching in Ward 26. Congratulations to the happy couple.

2. Shorthand classes, held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1400 in Bldg. 1049, are making steady progress. New students may start at any time, as the work is conducted along individual lines.

3. "A man who is master of a trade is master of his destiny." Following out this idea, the full facilities of the California State Vocational and Rehabilitation Bureau are offered our Counseling Section, here in Room 19, to aid disabled veterans readjust themselves as civilians in the industrial and business world.

Working in conjunction with the California State Board of Education, this Vocational and Rehabilitation Bureau concerns itself with the re-training of disabled veterans to prepare them to earn a comfortable livelihood in a new job. Regardless of injury, age, previous job or ability, the Bureau offers the soldier three important services.

a. COUNSELING and advice regarding his interests and capabilities as well as helping him select a new job objective suited to his limited ability.

b. TRAINING PLACEMENT comes next. Taking into consideration the disabled veteran's rights under Public Law 16, an individualized training program is outlined to conform with regulations set up by the Veteran's Administration. In this way, the veteran is efficiently and completely re-trained in the new job of his choice, and started on the road to future financial independence.

c. JOB PLACEMENT is the final and most important step (at least from the soldier's economic viewpoint). Having been thoroughly rehabilitated and trained in the mechanics of his new trade, the soldier is now given help in obtaining a job . . . a job where he can and will take his rightful place in civilian life as a useful and respected man.

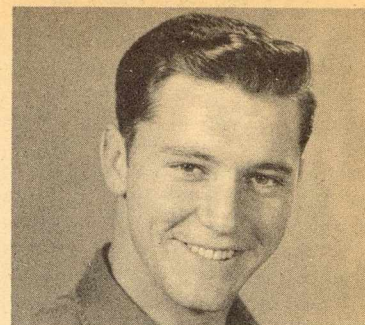
To the disabled soldier awaiting discharge, the ability as well as the right to work is a problem of enormous magnitude. But this problem can be licked by making use of all counseling facilities at LGH.

A phone call on 2089 will bring an immediate response to bed patients. Ambulatory men will be interviewed in Room 19, Main Headquarters Building, under Receiving Office.

4. There are still a few vacancies in LGH Concert Orchestra. Patient or duty personnel are invited to join the group for rehearsals Mondays and Wednesdays at 1400 in the Y. Instruments are available, but the orchestra needs players for violin, cello, string bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and saxophone. If you can play any other instrument not listed here, don't be bashful. Contact Sgt. Shortz, Bldg. 1039 or call 4403 for further information and an audition.

5. Richard Alexander, 1st Lt., from B2, believes in doing things right. With radio broadcasting as his goal, he knows the necessity of clean enunciation as well as correct pronunciation of foreign phrases. So . . . he practices diligently behind the "mike" with Cpl. Larr, studies Spanish with Frances Lilienthal and French with Mme. Raymonde. Lt. Alexander is reticent about how he spends his free time!

ON THE SPOT



HAL G. GODSEY
Corporal

The "scenic city of the southland", Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the birthplace of one of Letterman's most popular men-about-the-wards, Hal G. Godsey of ward E-2. After nineteen years of the south, Hal moved to California and at the present time claims Paso Robles as his home . . . minus a southern accent.

Hal is a member of the 181st field artillery, "Chattanooga's own," and up to the time he was wounded by shrapnel on Mindinao in June 6, 1945, he had seen many new shores. In September 1941, Hal joined the National Guard, which was absorbed by the regular Army on December 1941, beginning his khaki-uniformed career. Also at this time he became a member of the field artillery in place of his previous cavalry training. One and one-half months of Hal's career were spent in Sydney, Australia, followed by transfers from Brisbane, Goodenough Island, off the southern tip of Australia, and Finch-haven to Atapia where he took part in the battle of Drinamour River, and then came the invasion of Luzon, D-Day, January 10. Fourteen months were spent in the New Guinea jungle.

Hal is an all-around athlete, enjoying the favorite sports of millions: baseball and basketball. Among the Seals' fans, Hal spent a great deal of his evenings at Seals Stadium, watching and rooting for the San Francisco team.

Being a sun-worshipper, Hal prefers southern California. "Anything is better than fog and cold," he claims. Now where could he get those words when he's stationed here!!

His interest centers on exterior and interior decorating, and with his brown eyes and 6 feet of handsomeness, he'd decorate well, wouldn't you say?

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Marion Amberg of Military Personnel became the bride of Captain Reginald Breach at a military wedding last Saturday evening, May 11, in the Presidio chapel. The bride wore a white satin wedding gown and the bridesmaids' dresses were in pastel shades. Flora Bambino, who formerly worked at Letterman, was one of the bridal party. At the wedding reception, which was held in the Crystal Room of the Whitcomb Hotel, the bride and groom cut their wedding cake with a sabre. Captain and Mrs. Breach drove to Old Mexico for their honeymoon.

Ray Shine, Personnel Director, has just returned from a trip to Fort Douglas, Utah. He went by train, returned by plane.

With the summer months approaching, vacations are tops in conversation these days. Frances Perry from the Laundry is planning a week's vacation at home, without alarm clock. Evelyn Webb of Officer's Pay Section is going to the southern part of the state for a two-week round of pleasure. Blanche Pritchard is in a dither of planning for her first trip by air. She is going to Wichita, Kansas, to see her son, who was recently discharged from the Navy and is now about to enter college.

Last weekend Bonnie Giroux and her husband went to Yosemite Valley.

Marjorie "Information Please" Jones went to Redwood City for the weekend, where the slogan is "Climate Best by Government Test." Says she absorbed some of the sunshine that missed San Francisco.

Most recent addition to the Physical Reconditioning crew is Darrel Teeters, ex-Army man from Montana.

Bernice Blake, Sergeant Major's office, took time off last week to do some shopping, and she and her husband found it almost a battle to get through the throngs of shoppers downtown.

Marion Kierzek of Occupational Therapy went to Corvallis, Oregon, to make Mother's Day more pleasant for her mother.

Congratulations to Richard O'Connell of Occupational Therapy, who leaves June 1 for Pasadena, where he will be Director of the Pasadena Playhouse.

"Ace" Guth returned Monday to

A TEXAN COMES TO CALIFORNIA AND SHE SAYS SHE LIKES IT!



Major LOIS F. KINNISON, ANC
In the office, Nurses' Section

Major Lois F. Kinnison, ANC, came to Letterman May 1 from Ninth Service Command headquarters, Fort Douglas, Utah, and says that she is already won over to California, and is happily established at the Nurses' quarters. With her soft voice, friendly manner and the extra added attraction of those long, long eyelashes, she's doing a quick job of winning friends here, although when she arrived she found only one person here that she'd known before—Capt. Irene Frey, ANC, attached to the Hospital Train Unit. Major Kinnison and Captain Frey worked together at Barksdale Field, La., Major Kinnison's

EENT after an enjoyable vacation. She divided her time between her home in San Francisco and Los Angeles. It seems that "Ace" was taken for a well-known radio star while she was in Los Angeles—first name Fannie, otherwise known as "Baby Snooks."

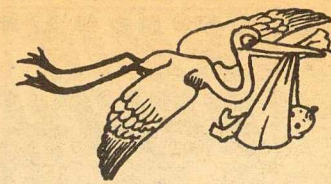
Elizabeth Wheaton of the Library announced her engagement last week, and the lucky man is Patrick Sullivan. As yet no date has been set for the wedding.

first station in the Army Nurse Corps.

She received her training as a nurse at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and nursed there and at Gaston Avenue Hospital in Dallas before joining the Army five and a half years ago.

After two years at Barksdale Field, she was sent to Fort Douglas, where she remained until she came to Letterman. She was Chief of the Assignment Branch for Army nurses, Ninth Service Command headquarters, and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service on that duty from 24 October 1942 to 15 April 1946.

Her citation for the award states that "Through her professional knowledge, keen understanding of nursing requirements at each hospital in this Service Command, and untiring devotion to duty in the procurement and assignment of Army Nurse Corps personnel, Major Kinnison maintained a highly efficient method of appropriate placement and prompt release which resulted in outstanding nursing care for the patients and a high morale



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford Landrum, a daughter, **Laura Kathryn**, weight 7 pounds and 11½ ounces, born 6 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frederick M. Wilkes, a son, **Frederick Marion, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 8 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Kerm Ingram, a son, **Thomas Wyatt**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 8 May.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Wallace Young, a daughter, **Karson**, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces, born 9 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. James Nofziger, a daughter, **Margaret Lynn**, weight 8 pounds and 9½ ounces, born 9 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Wayne Gotke, a son, **Wayne Charles Henningsen**, weight 7 pounds, born 9 May.

To Major and Mrs. Jules Biscayart, a son, **Michael Paul**, weight 8 pounds, born 9 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Karl Woodman, a daughter, **Patricia Ann**, weight 4 pounds and 6½ ounces, born 10 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Max W. Huston, a son, **Thomas Lee**, weight 9 pounds and 10¼ ounces, born 11 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Harrington, a daughter, **Susan Rae**, weight 6 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 11 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert M. Bettette, a daughter, **Michele Anne**, weight 6 pounds and 7 ounces, born 11 May.

To CWO and Mrs. William Larsen, a son, **William Stephen**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 12 May.

in the Army Nurse Corps."

She prefers the administrative side of ANC work, and since she is a member of the regular Army, she intends to remain in the Corps and make it her career.

Major Kinnison came to Letterman after a 15-day leave which she spent at her home in Sweetwater, Texas, with her parents and her sister.

She enjoys the theatre, reading, bowling, and talking. Says sleeping is a favorite pastime, too. Since she is very fond of dancing, the sleeping is a necessary resting-up measure.

Warning: Beware of those waving eyelashes!

WARMIN' THE BENCH

When Ed Head was hurling his no-hit masterpiece against the Braves, most of his teammates had no idea that the Dodger pitcher was on his way to the mythical Hall of Fame. Nor did Babe Pinelli, one of the umpires who worked that game, have the faintest notion that the Brooklyn right-hander was chucking a classic until the players and fans rushed Head after it was all over.

"I could see then," said Pinelli, "that there was more excitement than usual, and it finally dawned on me that nobody had got a base hit."

Pinelli, who was behind the plate, called his first no-hitter in twelve years as a National League umpire. "It didn't occur to me because Reese kicked one and there were a few walks—but mainly because I guess I was concentrating on the ball," grinned Pinelli.

He recalled another game in which he almost had a no-hitter. Oddly, Cooper, who was the Braves' hurler against Head, lost a 1-0 game (while with St. Louis) to Whit Wyatt, another Dodger hurler, back in 1941. The Dodgers didn't make a hit until two out in the eighth and then Herman and Walker collabbed on two doubles for the ball game.

Babe Pinelli was rough on umpires himself when he played third base for Cincinnati. "I kicked when I thought I had a justifiable squawk," said Pinelli, "but I was no alibi kicker. I let go with a blast, all right, but when I said what I had to say I walked away and didn't haggle over it. The umpires were for me."

There are very few of the immortal Ty Cobb's many records due to be broken for a long time. But George Case, Cleveland's swift outfielder, can tie one of Cobb's marks and perhaps top it next season.

SPORTSHORTS: Cy Young and **Walter Johnson**, two of baseball's greatest hurlers, did not quit because of weakened arms. Young developed a "bay window" after 22 years of service and when that frontispiece interfered with his fielding of bunts, he decided to retire. His pitching wing was as strong as at the start, 22 years before. Johnson never had a sore arm at any time, but his legs failed him. . . . 1931 was the only year the National League failed to produce a 20-game winner. . . .

Bob Kurland, who accumulated seven wrist watches for his cage feats, overslept his first class at Oklahoma A & M after his return from the eastern cage tournaments. "They should have presented me with an alarm clock," moaned Bob.

IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME— BUT HE CAME BACK TO LETTERMAN



CWO CHARLES W. COOK
Band Leader, 358th ASF Band

With nearly 33 years of continuous service in the Army, Chief Warrant Officer Charles W. Cook, who spent two years at the Presidio in 1917-18, returned here in February as band leader of the 358th ASF Band, stationed at Letterman. He says he has always hoped to return to this post, and would like nothing better than to stay on until his retirement.

"The band has a relapse due to discharges, and went from 25 members to eight since we arrived here," said Mr. Cook, but we've now had a blood transfusion, and have 25 men again. The band plays for retreat, for drill, at concerts and occasionally for dances. Last week we gave a concert in the patio, and as soon as the new band members and the old become integrated as a musical unit, we plan to give two and possibly three concerts a week."

Mr. Cook praised T/Sgt. Darold Simmons and his brother, S/Sgt. Calvin Simmons, T/Sgt. Gail F. Woolley and S/Sgt. Robert Naylor, for their work in the band, and said that these men formed the nucleus of

the new organization.

It was in 1913 that Mr. Cook first enlisted in the Army, at Angel Island. He served in the Philippines and on the Mexican border before World War I, and was stationed at the Presidio in 1917-18 with the 63rd Infantry and the 12th Infantry. Later he was on the east coast, at Camp Meade, Md., at Washington, D. C., Madison Barracks, N. Y., and Fort Eustis, Va. During these tours of duty he was in the band, playing clarinet and saxophone.

In 1935 he was admitted to the Army Music School, from which he was graduated in 1927. During the next 12 years he taught a four-year course in music at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. In 1939 he was appointed Warrant Officer and assigned to Fort Hancock, N. J., as band leader. He was sent to Panama in 1941 and was there until March, 1942, when he went to Washington, D. C. as a member of the faculty of the Army Music School.

After two years there he went to

DANTE ANTICS

Special mention goes to T/5's Delperdang and Webb for the very nice thing they did on Mother's Day. The two girls borrowed two orphans from the Childrens' Home here in San Francisco and proceeded to show them the time of their lives. After a full day, which all enjoyed, the children were returned tired but happy to the home.

Nurses from Dante Annex reporting to Fort Lawson this week, alerted for overseas duty, were: Lieutenants Gustin, Kornelsen, Burke, Fostek, Flannery, Robertson, Rapp, Gandelon, Donskey, Esola, Cawley, Aaron, and Obrezar.

Lieut. Bittner and Lieut. Neuberger ANC, are leaving soon for separation. Lieut. Kelly has been transferred to Percy Jones at Battle Creek Michigan.

New on the nursing staff at Dante are: Lieuts. West, Sheffield, Dillard, Lawton, Bunnell, Enrico, Onaindia, Plaster, Reed, Rose, Rolo, Stanford Sharpe, Wiggin, and Beck.

New medical technician students here are Pvts. Spear, Snyder, Schrader, Sheriff, Riggs, Reynolds, Osgood and Murray.

The regional anthology of American literature has been published at last, and it gives evidence of the variety of cultures in the American scene. New England, the Middle Atlantic States, the Middle West, the South, and the Far West are the divisions made, and each has had a distinguished person select the literature of the region involved. The title is "North, East, South, West." In the Library.

headquarters Eighth Service Command at Dallas, Texas, where he served as band inspector for the command until October 1945. He then became commanding officer of the Service Command Band. One of the band's activities was a weekly half-hour broadcast over Texas radio stations. Then in February of this year Mr. Cook and the band, which is now the 358th ASF band, came to Letterman.

Mr. Cook's wife, Eva, and their two children, Ruth Evelyn, who is now 17, and Charles W., Jr., 16, have been with him on his various assignments until now. At present they are still in Texas, but plan to move soon to Medford, Oregon, where Mr. Cook recently bought a home.

On And Off The Records With The Patients

By Bette Byers

Clyde Bingham of C-2 stoutly declares that the most beautiful women in the world are to be found in Utah. Upon being challenged in this regard, Clyde stammers just a little and thinking of no other reason declares it's all due to their wearing more clothes!! How about that???

C-1 claims a team that compares with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby . . . in more ways than one! They are Michael Fenimore and Toleman Miller who are golf fiends—come rain or shine. How many golf balls do you lose a day, fellows???

The funniest scene of the day is watching Frank Soto of C-2 listening to Alton Redd's band playing "You're A No-Good Woman." There's a particular part of the record that really sends Frank into hysterics . . . why don't you ask him about it??

Clyde Dawson of D-1, who formerly ran the projection machine at the State Theater in San Francisco, is carrying on his career in a wheel chair as he scouts around the wards and shows the Red Cross movies to the patients. Found at a particular moment when he was taking off bright red nail polish which he had so carefully applied, he stated, "It doesn't look quite as good as I expected!"

Al Rasmussen of D-1 is still busily whittling figures for his collection of knick-knacks. Al proudly declares he has 10 figures already, and that's only the beginning!!

Gin Rummy is rapidly sweeping through ward D-1 with the prize pigeon of Paul Senti being Chester Giesel. Paul has been playing pigeon himself to Huey Ong and Ed Mayer. Any prizes or . . . , boys?

Also on D-1 we find Jack Davis who always has three special feathers tucked under his pillow. Why, we ask as if we didn't know!

Sharing Room 4 of E-1 is Lee Balme who's quite an observing but non-committal patient. After being pretty lucky about receiving furloughs, Lee is spending his time in bed thinking of the past and the future, but not the operating days which are present.

If any gal needs her morale boosted, she should walk through ward E-1, especially the dead-end section, where patients sit up and whistle wolfishly at anything in a skirt. And what a whistle!!



SMILING A GOOD-BYE

In anticipation of their Pacific voyage are these members of the Army Nurse Corps who left Letterman last week for overseas duty. Left to right: 1st row, Lts. Minnie Yenkey, Georgia L. Thompson, Margaret E. Harmon, Virginia L. Warren, Mae L. Spoon, Claudia A. Palmer, Agnes M. Sebastian; 2nd row, Lts. Pauline M. Halter, Lena J. Cricco, Agnes M. Williges, Marian E. Novak; 3rd row, Lts. Juliana E. Schano, Sarah G. Gomez, Ella F. Cordray, Marian J. Setter; 4th row, Lts. Else Schorno, Sarah H. Ivy, June D. Harris; 5th row, Lt. Margaret E. Hallam, Capt. Pearl E. Smith, Lts. Rose I. Renner, and Marjorie K. Neumon.

Calvin Pucket of F-1 spent his first day in a wheel chair madly chasing the personnel up and down the ward. All he needed was a si-reeeen!! And that gleam in his eye is enough to scare anyone . . .

Herman Olson of F-1 is proudly modeling the loud striped blue pajamas which he received as a gift recently, as he sits up in bed and stares at his collection of Petty girls pinned up on the wall. By the way, he has a very nice picture of his two handsome sons which rank far higher than Petty girls with him!

Richard Barbour of N-1 has the pre-marriage jitters as he makes plans for an early wedding. The wife-to-be is Miss Jones, a Red Cross worker at De Witt General Hospital, but that's all we can find out about her.

Stinky is off again!! Ed Seifert of E-2 is having quite a time with his bear, and gets a very unhappy ex-

pression as he explains Stinky's recent disappearance. This time it's different! Stinky's whereabouts are definitely known, but he's been kidnapped, and Ed doesn't want to pay the ransom! By the way, Ed recently returned from his furlough with quite a number of nylon stockings, all sizes!!! AND we know he doesn't wear them!

M-1 is the noisiest ward in the hospital, as Armando Novelo sends his P-38½ buzzing around the little room in the rear of the ward. The tone of the motor can compare to the engines of a fighter plane coming through the window!!

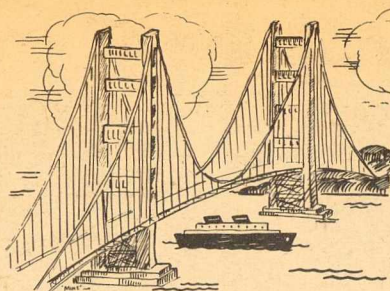
There's a trio to out-talent any trio now existing which has as its members Johnny Collins, of D-1, room 4, Paul Jansen of M-1, and Ed Seifert of E-2. Johnny plays a bass fiddle, but hasn't it with him . . . Ed plays a sax, but hasn't a sax . . . and Paul plays the guitar . . . and

he HAS one. Soooo, in tune to the guitar . . . and I do mean in tune . . . Ed and Johnny vocalize while Paul picks. Jenny Pastula, popular WAC workng at PT, has a beautiful voice to add to the harmony, but so far they've all had a little trouble getting together! Ed claims he's through with women, but if you could hear him sing, with that voice you'd agree it's what HE thinks!

Stanley Richardson of N-1 was caught off-guard beating up double egg-nogs. Now that he's a groom, he's decided to go to cooking school, it appears . . . and that's really starting out right!! If every woman could train her husband from the beginning like that . . . wouldn't it be a wonderful world!!

Waitress: "Did you say you wanted these eggs turned over?"

Customer: "Yes, to the museum of natural history."



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Name Three Army Hospitals for Medical Dept. Dead

Army hospitals in Massachusetts, California and Florida were renamed today in honor of a deceased medical corpsman, a general and a colonel who hold niches in the Medical Department hall of fame.

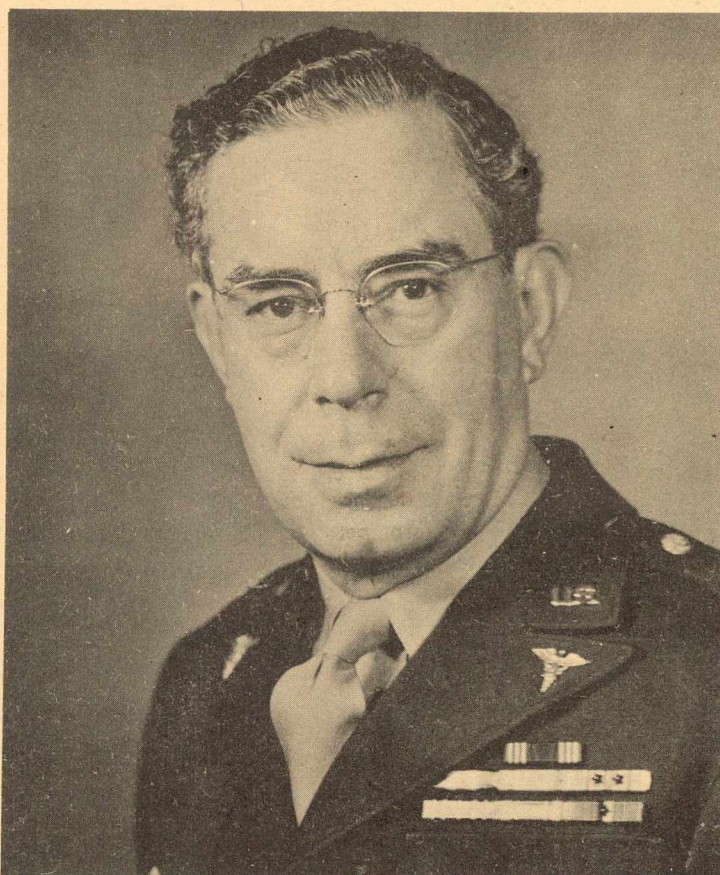
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson officially redesignated Waltham Regional Hospital, Waltham, Massachusetts, as Murphy General Hospital. Pasadena Area Regional Hospital, Pasadena, California, is now McCornack General Hospital, and AAF Regional and Convalescent Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida is Pratt General Hospital.

All three hospitals were scheduled in April for redesignation as general hospitals on May 15. In designating them as general hospitals, minor physical changes are effected. Patients may be taken there directly from overseas as complete hospital facilities are available and a larger staff maintained.

The move is in line with Medical Department plans to centralize hospital facilities so staffs depleted by the discharge of skilled personnel could be concentrated to the advantage of some 100,000 remaining patients. Redesignation of these hospitals places them under direct control of The Surgeon General, Major General Norman T. Kirk.

Private First Class Frederick C. Murphy, awarded posthumously the Nation's highest honor, The Congressional Medal of honor, died as the result of battle wounds in March, 1945, near Saarlautern, Germany, in the assault against the Siegfried Line.

A medical corpsman, Private First Class Murphy continued to succor wounded men even after he had lost a foot in a land mine explosion. Some time during the night of



Lt. Col. WILLIAM L. BESWICK, MAC
Letterman "oldtimer" who is now the Executive Officer for this command.

March 18, 1945, he lost his life in another land mine explosion as he was dragging himself toward more wounded men.

His wife, Mrs. Virginia M. Murphy, resides at 47 Narragansett Road, Quincy, Massachusetts. At the time of his induction on November 26, 1943, Boston-born Private First Class Murphy lived in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Brigadier General Condon Carlton McCornack was retired from active duty on May 31, 1944, when

Deputy Chief of Staff, Western Defense Command. He had a long and distinguished career dating back to 1898 when he served a hitch in Company C, 2nd Oregon Volunteer Infantry, as a private.

General McCornack was commissioned a first lieutenant, Medical Reserve Corps, on March 15, 1909, after three years as Acting Surgeon, Oregon National Guard. He held a Doctor of Medicine Degree from Jefferson Medical College, Pennsylvania.

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Veterans Being Trained Now for Agricultural Work

Approximately 400 Northern California veterans are learning how to become farm managers and operators with the aid of the Veterans Administration in cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Education of the State Department of Education, the VA announced this week.

An additional 750 are ready to begin training as soon as more facilities are set up in the 109 Northern California vocational high schools to take care of the increased load.

Two hundred are enrolled in the Fresno district, 125 in the Sacramento-Chico area and 75 in vocational high schools along the coast.

Student farmers engaged in the program full time receive a minimum of four hours classroom instruction in agricultural subjects per week, 25 hours of on-the-farm training, plus one or two hours of instructor-supervised farm work. Field work may be done on the veterans own farm or place of agricultural employment. Maximum length of courses is four years.

Enrollees are entitled to subsistence payments under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.

Training is being provided in horticulture, landscape gardening, animal, dairy and poultry husbandry, field crop farming and wild life culture. The VA or any vocational high school will accept applications of veterans.

Invitation to Letterman's Two New Service Clubs

Whether on a sunny day or a gray one, there are two good spots for Letterman personnel to spend their leisure time. Of course there are many more than two, but these two are the recently opened service clubs, one at East Hospital, the other at Crissy Field. The clubs were formerly used as libraries, but have now been taken over by Special Services, and are under the direction of Capt. Mary L. House, WAC, Special Service officer.

At each of the clubs there are current newspapers, local and out-of-town ones, the new magazines, both serious and amusing, and a collection of diverting books. And the surroundings are super.

If you want to write letters, you'll find writing desks and plenty of notepaper. If you want to entertain your family or friends, there's a special room for the purpose at the East Hospital club.

Mrs. Marian Shaver, who recently came to Letterman from the Mitchell Convalescent Hospital near San Diego, is in charge at the East Hospital club, and is assisted by T/5 Margrete Meberg of the WAC.

"The club is a quiet, restful place to read," said Mrs. Shaver, "and some of the ones who come to read remain to join in friendly arguments."

Card tables are set up in readiness for those who want to while away their time with a game or two. If you haven't brought a fellow card player along, one of the staff will be happy to play cards with you.

Among those who dropped in at the East Hospital club one afternoon this week were Sgt. Fred Galson, Cpl. Paul Dailey, Lt. George Kaiser and T/5 John Bowen.

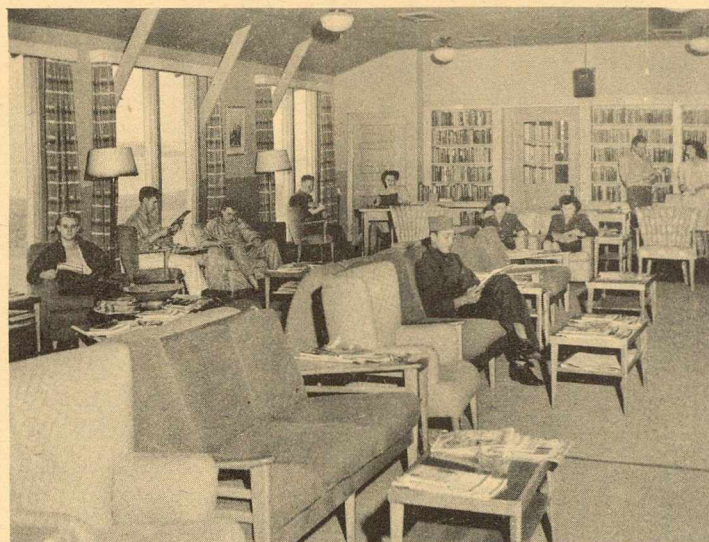
At the Crissy Field club the down-to-the-floor windows look out on the waters of the Bay, and a maximum number of the comfortable chairs are arranged to take advantage of that hard-to-beat view.

Some of the steady customers are content to "just sit and look at their view," according to Agnes K. Walters, Army hostess in charge of the Crissy club. The two WAC assistants on duty there are T/5 Aurell Krueger and T/5 Mary Fox.

Well-stocked bookshelves and current magazines and newspapers are also available at the Crissy club,



ENJOYING THE EAST HOSPITAL SERVICE CLUB
Are (Left to Right): Sgt. Fred Whitt, Sgt. Fred Galson, Cpl. Paul Dailey, T/5 Margrete Meberg, Marion Kruljac, T/5 John Bowen, Lt. George Kaiser.



LEISURE HOURS AT CRISSY SERVICE CLUB
Left to Right: Pfc. Donald V. DeBastos, Pvt. Chas. McWhirt, Pvt. Robt. W. Shea, Pfc. Bill Kirkpatrick, T/5 Aurell Krueger, Pvt. Andrew Lockett, T/5 Virginia Hidalgo, T/5 Ethel Kovacs, Pvt. Casmit Rzeszot, Patricia Birder.

and there couldn't be a pleasanter place for reading and relaxation.

Adjoining the main room is a pool room with two tables, where you get a chance for revenge on the 8-ball.

Seeking diversion at Crissy when the Fog Horn photographer dropped in this week were Pfc. Samuel Ibarra, Pfc. Donald V. DeBastos, Pvt. Charles McWhirt, Pvt. Robert W. Shea, Pvt. Andrew Lockett, Pfc.

Bill Kirkpatrick, and Pvt. Casmit Rzeszot.

When you have some time to spend and you're looking for a pleasant way to dispose of it, drop in at either East Hospital or Crissy Service club. You'll get a warm welcome.

Hours at East Hospital club are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; at the Crissy club the hours are 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

They'll be looking for you!

MORE ABOUT NAME HOSPITALS

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nia, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon.

On April 23, 1910, he received his Regular Army commission as first lieutenant, Medical Corps. During the next 34 years, General McCornack, in addition to service in this country, served in China, the Philippines and Hawaii, where he was Surgeon, Hawaiian Department, from June, 1938, until May, 1939, when he returned to the continent.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit in October, 1943, for his outstanding work as Surgeon, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. General McCornack died on November 5, 1944, in Letterman General Hospital. He was born in St. Helena, California, on May 7, 1880.

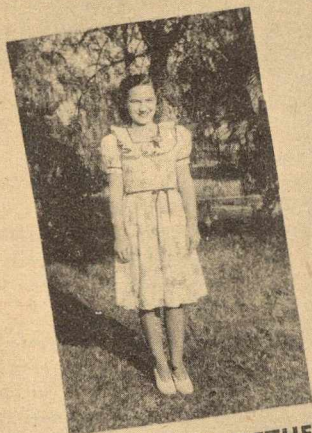
Colonel Fabian L. Pratt, after 21 months overseas during World War I as first lieutenant, Medical Reserve Corps, where he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps, was commissioned a first lieutenant, Regular Army, on July 1, 1920. Keenly interested in aviation, Colonel Pratt early qualified as "balloon observer and airship pilot" to become one of the pioneer flight surgeons of the Army. He was one of the first to become a pilot in his own right.

Colonel Pratt served as commandant in the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, "West Point of the Air," and had several tours of duty with National Guard and Reserve Training units. A 1911 graduate of Vanderbilt Medical School, Nashville, Tennessee, Colonel Pratt was born December 24, 1888, at Monmouth, Illinois. His permanent civilian address was Linneus, Missouri.

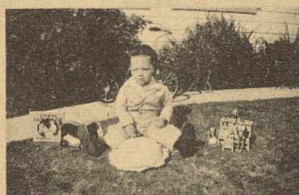
He died on December 18, 1944, while serving as Surgeon, 4th Air Force, Hamilton Field, California.

Foreign and American military honors awarded Colonel Pratt were the Purple Heart, King George Medal, French Croix de Guerre, Order of Merit (French Foreign Legion), Belgian War Cross, Italian War Cross, Victor Emmanuel Medal, MONS Medal, World War I Victory Medal and American Theater and American Defense ribbons.

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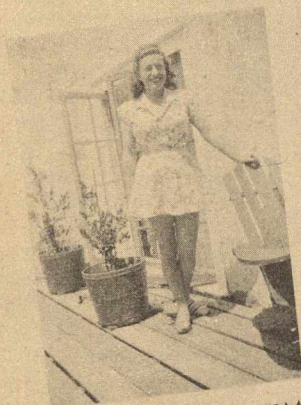
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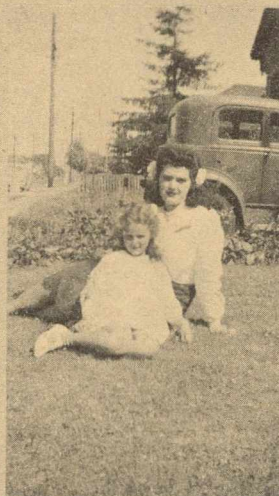
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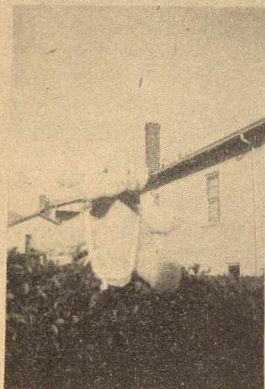
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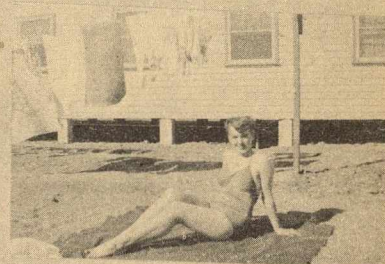
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EDITORIAL

MEMORIAL DAY

Next Thursday, May 30, will be Memorial Day, the day on which, since 1868, the United States has turned in memory to honor those who gave their lives in defense of their country.

Memorial Day a year ago saw 10th Army troops raising the Stars and Stripes atop ancient Shuri Castle, Okinawa, while fighting raged within; 38th Infantrymen battled desperate Japs for Manila's water supply; 31st Division men compressed their enemy on Mindanao; 21st Bomber Command fliers were fire-bombing Yokohama.

This year those who commemorate the day may join with their homage to the war dead their thankfulness that since this day a year ago war has ceased, and upward of seven million men and women have been discharged from our nation's greatest combat force.

Peoples of liberated countries are this year voluntarily assisting in maintenance of American soldier graves throughout the year, and on May 30 will join Army Memorial Day exercises overseas.

Memorial Day cannot but be a yearly reminder of the importance of maintaining peace. General Dwight D. Eisenhower says of our national aim in this regard:

"Progress toward universal and enduring peace, as I see it, lies along three roads—organ-

WAC

By Betty Byers

Let's be different . . . no weddings in this column. Is that good or bad?

They're leaving us slowly but surely. Looks like I'll be writing this column while everyone leaves that guarded gate for the last time . . . who's gonna write goodbye to me?? And, what's more . . . who cares?? The gals leaving this week are: Pfc Barbara Tomasko, T/5 Gladys Kerley, S/Sgt. Pauline Spires, T/5 Ella Whitaker, and T/5 Guadalupe Caballero, who sew the ruptured eagle on at Camp Beale; Sgt. Blanche Strait and T/5 Elsie Gayton will do likewise at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

To see the smile on T/5 Ingrid Slaasted's face while she is indulging in ice cream sundaes at the PX one would think that hospitalization agrees with her. We are all sorry to learn of her accident encountered on the baseball field, and hope that she sheds that cast and joins us on her feet . . . both of them . . . very shortly!

The lucky recipient of a furlough this week is T/5 Margaret McConnell, who has twenty-three days to visit with her family in New York.

Welcome to our two additions: T/4 Margaret Brady and T/4 Edith J. Altenberg. T/4 Brady has interesting tales to tell about her many months spent overseas. She left San Francisco August 20, 1944, taking in New Guinea and Oro Bay and Manila in the Philippines. Not until February 7 of this year did she return, and then enjoyed sixty wonderful days at home in Tuscon, Arizona. For the present Margaret is working in the Orderly Room. You'll see her soon featured as WAC of the Week, and her story should be a most interesting one.

ized international cooperation, mutual international understanding and progressive international disarmament. All must be traveled simultaneously. The United Nations must have our tireless support, a support as tireless and effective as that which sustained our vast fighting forces through more than four years of bitter conflict."



by Bette Byers

A group of nurses who went to see "Roberta" at the Curran Theater last week were Lieuts. Ruth Enarson, Margaret Fenley, Rose Baron, Mary Mourik, Beatrice Hayward, and Virginia Thomas, all on duty in A-1. A very merry time was had by all, and it was due to the generosity of Captain Wadin Blovatsky, a patient on their ward, who, because he enjoys legitimate plays himself, presented the tickets to the nurses as a gift!

The biggest attraction of events last Sunday was the "I Am an American Day" show at the Civic Auditorium featuring Maureen O'Hara, John Garfield, and Danny Kaye, in person. Among the audience were Lieuts. Mary Neeb, Betty Kane, Anna Blankenship, and Alto Owens, who claim "It was the most wonderful show seen for ages!" Glad you enjoyed it, girls!

She admits she doesn't get around much any more, but her time is busily spent just the same. Lieut. Helen Guinion is a very adept pupil of a private crocheting class given by Lieut. Mynta King, and the results will be a very beautiful (we hope!) afghan of a deep wine color working up to a light rose. Sounds gorgeous, doesn't it?

Among those admitted to the fair grounds of our Post this week were two Regular Army Nurses. Captains Isabelle Macon and Josephin B. Rosicky. Captain Mason served as chief nurse of Seward Station Hospital in Alaska, and since then has been stationed at Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Her home is in Russell, Minnesota . . . Captain Rosicky returned to the United States after serving in the ETO for two years as a Medical Supervisor. Among her stations were England, France, Belgium and Germany. Her home is in British Columbia. Greetings! We hope your stay with us will be a very pleasant one.

"Give me one dozen roses . . ." Busily working on ward N-1, Lieut. Madeline Turner took time out to open a florist's box containing one dozen beautiful red roses, and said dreamily, "This completes a wonderful day!" Sounds very romantic!!

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, May 26, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Wedding Bells

"Anything Can Happen" and it did when two Russians sought the same book of that title at the same time. The romance, which blossomed from a meeting in the hospital library between Captain Jessie Whytoshek, Charge Nurse of Central Service, and Mr. Karill A. Kalushny, culminated in a lovely wedding ceremony May 16. At 6 p.m. in the Presidio Chapel, Chaplain (Capt.) Edw. T. Haskins officiated at the wedding. Captain Whytoshek's childhood girl friend, Eva Gildea, was maid of honor while the groom's brother, Serge Kalushny, acted as best man. Charles Pierce Morse from Palo Alto gave the bride away. The ceremony was followed by a reception for the bridal party at the Fairmont Hotel. The couple spent a brief honeymoon in San Francisco, and a second honeymoon will begin in October at which time they will leave for an extended trip to Hongkong and the Orient. Mr. Kalushny was formerly with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotel Corporation. They will eventually make their home in San Francisco.

Captain Whytoshek has been in the Army Nurse Corps since June 1941, and has served her entire career here at Letterman. All her friends extend their congratulations and best wishes for success and happiness to the new bride and groom.

1st Lieuts. Ruth M. Valleskey and Geraldine Heggland, formerly on the Letterman staff and more recently at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, passed through San Francisco this week to begin their third tour of overseas duty in the Pacific area. They hope it is "Destination Tokyo."

WAC OF THE WEEK



DOROTHY MARIE FARMER
Technician Fifth Grade

To have a goal set for yourself, and to reach that goal, is a great satisfaction. Such was the case of T/5 Dorothy Farmer. Dottie found the star to which she had hitched her GI wagon when she was working at Crissy Field last year. In the midst of arriving RAMPS (repatriated American military prisoners) Dorothy was working day and night to help those who had been through such hardships to reach home as soon as possible. The reward was the delighted and appreciative grins of the patients, and to her it was the biggest reward anyone could possibly desire. She was serving those who had served the nation and she put so much of her strength into her work that she ended up as a pneumonia patient!!

Prior to induction, Dorothy had graduated from Woodfin High School in Asheville, North Carolina and had been a dental assistant for some time. Dental surgery is her preference. The more difficult a tooth is to extract, the more Dottie enjoys her work. But let her go to the dentist, and Dorothy is the "perfect example of what a dentist's patient shouldn't be!"

Although Dottie's birthplace is Asheville, North Carolina, she claims Washington, D. C. as her home, where she lived only two years. With four members of her family already in service, she made it unanimous by joining the WACs. Following her basic training in Des Moines, she attended clerical school and then came to Letterman, first working at Crissy Field, and then assisting in the Dental department at Dante. In March she was transferred to clerical work and is presently in the Transportation Office of the Administration Building.

Dorothy claims that the adjust-
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6 Armies Replace Service Commands, A. S. F. Abolished in Reorganization

Washington (CNS)—The most sweeping changes in Army organization since the war has been announced by the War Dept. Under the new plan the nine Service Commands, the Army geographical subdivisions within the United States, are abolished. They are to be supplanted by six armies.

The reorganization was made under authority of an Executive Order issued by Pres. Truman on 13 May. It is to become effective on 11 June, when the Army's strength is expected to have been pared down to 1,500,000.

The Army Service Forces is likewise abolished under the new set up, while greater autonomy is granted the Air Force.

Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces will take over command of the six armies inside continental U. S. His headquarters will be moved from Washington to Fort Monroe, Va.

The President's order reorganizes the General Staff, giving its different divisions greater authority and responsibility in controlling and directing military administration and operation. Research and development are to be given greater emphasis.

Pres. Truman issued his order authorizing the Secretary of War to reassign the functions of the Army Service Forces on the recommendation of Secretary Patterson.

ASF Hq Discontinued

Army Service Forces headquarters is discontinued and its various functions distributed to other agencies of the War Dept.

Lt. Gen. Le Roy Lutes, commanding general of the Army Service Forces, will assume the title and duties of Director of Service, Supply and Procurement on the War Dept. General Staff. Many of the tasks formerly performed by the Commanding General of the Army Service Forces will be taken over by Gen. Lutes and his newly created office.

The authority of the Chief of Staff will be extended and a single commander is to be named for any future joint overseas forces to operate directly under the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The reorganization is based on recommendations formulated by a special Army Board headed by Lt. Gen. W. H. Simpson. Streamlining the military establishment was made in order to save manpower and money and to provide a working organization more in line with the reduced size of both the Army and the War Dept.

The reorganization "has nothing to do" with the pending question of merging the nation's armed forces, Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, Army Director of Public Relations, declared.

The six armies, the States they embrace and their commanding generals are as follows:

The First Army and the First Army area with headquarters in New York City, embraces Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware and

New York. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commanding.

The Second Army and the Second Army area with headquarters in Baltimore, embraces Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Lt. Gen. Wm. H. Simpson, commanding.

The Seventh (correct) Army and the Third Army area with headquarters in Atlanta. The Seventh Army was recently inactivated in Germany and will be reorganized in the U. S. The Third Army, which formerly had its headquarters at Atlanta, remains on occupation duty in Germany. The section designated as Third Army area includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. Lt. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commanding.

The Fourth Army and the Fourth Army area with headquarters at San Antonio, Tex., embraces Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, commanding.

The Fifth Army and the Fifth Army area with headquarters at Chicago, embraces Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado. Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commanding.

The Sixth Army and the Sixth Army area with headquarters at San Francisco, embraces Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, commanding.

All Troops in Armies

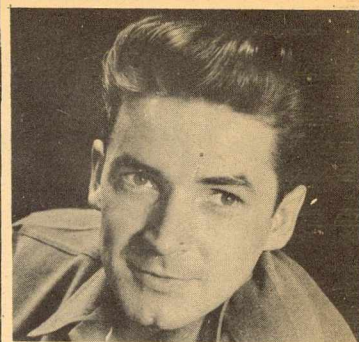
Installations within the confines of the District of Columbia and such nearby areas as may be designated by the Secretary of War will be embraced within the Military District of Washington.

The Commanding General of each Army will be in command of all troops and installations within his area, except those of the Air Force and certain specifically exempted units. The headquarters of the nine Service Commands are abolished and their functions transferred to the headquarters of the various Army commanders.

First mermaid: "What is an octopus?"

Second mermaid: "Sort of an aquatic wolf."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



HARRY E. NOGLE
Corporal

Although Cpl. Harry E. Nogle arrived only recently, and already is on his way through the portals of Letterman for the last time, he has gained many acquaintances and friends due to his reserved and likeable personality and his constant thoughtfulness.

Many of the pictures seen throughout the Fog Horn can be credited to Harry, whose interest in his work makes for outstanding results.

Harry has spent most of his life in Zion, Illinois, graduating from Waukegan High School and continuing with a post-graduate course. He has worked as a machinist with the American Can Company, taught machine shop work at Waukegan High School, and became a Sonne Camera Technician for Chicago Aerial Survey prior to induction.

In December 18, 1944, Harry donned a GI suit, sweated out basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, then transferred to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, where he prepared for and attended photography school. Illness interrupted his lens' work, and it wasn't until after convalescing from rheumatic fever at Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys that he could continue clicking the shutters. In March he arrived at Letterman, and was immediately surrounded with cameras and flash bulbs on L-2.

Harry's very interesting hobby is collecting guns, all types and sizes. His most prized possession is a German Luger, which was used by a German prisoner and presented to Harry by an Austrian.

He leaves us for a very interesting assignment as aerial photographer for the Air Corps in Bikini. We wish him the best of luck and success.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Josephine Alessi of the Dental Branch at Dante felt quite chipper as she returned Monday after convalescing at her home in San Jose the past week. Glad to have her with us again.

Missed from the Outpatient Branch for a few days due to illness was Mary Grelli. By the time this paper goes to press we hope she will be back to par.

It will be a good fish story when Wallace Fruit, night janitor on EENT and the Dental Branch returns from Humboldt County where he will spend his two week's vacation with his wife. "Wally" has all his fishing equipment in readiness . . . but where are the worms?? Incidentally,, "Wally" has just reached his fifth year of faithful service at Letterman.

A good deal of activity takes place in the Main Laboratory, as you would know if you could only hear. For instance, Stella Jackson became a Godmother last Sunday when her adoring seven-weeks-old nephew was christened. Congratulations, Auntie Stella! Then all of Betty Bishop's co-workers helped celebrate her birthday, each tasting a delicious piece of cake baked by the two sisters, Jean and Ruth Peetz.

Peggy Carper, the attractive redhead in the Laboratory, tells us how she acquired such a beautiful tan. She went cruising around the Bay on a Criss Craft that belongs to a . . . good navigator.

Our two blondes from the Civilian Personnel Branch, Esther Grobler and Mary Benson, sought sunshine last weekend and found it in Burlingame and San Mateo. Among their activities was bowling . . . How was the score, gals??

Paul Hoffman, on duty on Ward O-1, is leaving for two weeks to catch up with loafing at Round Valley, Mendicino County, and a rugged outdoor life.

Helen Hoffman of Reconditioning, and her husband Charles, have finally completed the badminton court they have been so vigorously working on the past month at their home. With their handy book on badminton rules and regulations tucked under their arms, we expect to see a couple of champs emerge in our midst.

Josephine Giaccarini from the Laundry took to the highways last

MAJOR HENCHEY, ARMY NURSE CORPS, IS WELOMED BACK TO LETTERMAN



Major FRANCES C. HENCHEY
Again on duty at Letterman

In her 28 years in the Army Nurse Corps, Major Frances C. Henchey has really been around, having lived in eleven states. She has also been assigned to duty at four overseas stations, and since she enjoys travel, she's been having just the kind of life she likes.

When she came to Letterman on April 30, it was a return trip. She had been here the first time from 1937 to 1940. She says she's glad to be here again, and Letterman is happy to welcome her back. She is on duty in the office of the Nurses' Section.

Major Henchey entered the Army July 2, 1918, and was first stationed at Camp Siever, South Carolina. She was then sent to France, where she remained for nearly a year. On her return to the United States she

weekend: destination Nevada . . . and she still managed to return Monday.

To Sonoma trekked superintendent George Hansen with his rod and reel, to try his luck at bass fishing.

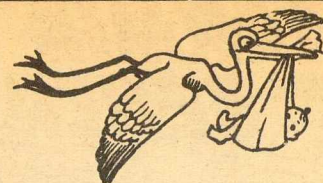
Santa Cruz lured May Richter and Evelyn Moore of the Motor Pool to its sunny shores for a very merry time last weekend.

went to Otisville, N. Y., then to Fort Benning, Ga. for a time, and then went to Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

She was stationed at a hospital in the Philippines for nearly three years, and following that was assigned to Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, for six years. Scofield Barracks in the Hawaiian Islands was her next station, and she remained there for three years before coming to Letterman in 1937.

In 1940 she was sent to Fort Douglas, Utah, where she was Chief Nurse of the Station Hospital there. The West Indies was the next stop, at the 294th Station Hospital in Puerto Rico, after which Major Henchey spent two and a half years at the 161st General Hospital in San Juan. She returned to the States in June, 1944, and was stationed briefly at Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pennsylvania. From there she went to Fort Storey, Virginia, and then to Deshon General Hospital at Butler, Pennsylvania. When Deshon closed, Major Henchey came to Letterman.

She is a native of New York state, but since her only relative, an aunt, lives in Torrington, Connecticut, she



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. James Halkyard, a daughter, **Patricia Gayle**, weight 6 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 13 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. William Storm, a daughter, **Michele Diane**, weight 8 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 14 May.

To Major and Mrs. Charles Whitney, a son, **Charles Chappuis**, weight 8 pounds, born 15 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Rush Faville, a daughter, **Adele Marjory**, weight 7 pounds and 2½ ounces, born 16 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. LeRoy Holstine, a daughter, **Donna Mariea**, weight 8 pounds, born 17 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Dyer, a son, **Kenneth Layton III**, weight 7 pounds and 3½ ounces, born 18 May.

Win Stamp Awards

Members of the Letterman Stamp Club exhibited their collections last week in the California Collectors' Club seventh annual state exhibit, and received an award of merit and a total of \$15 in stamps.

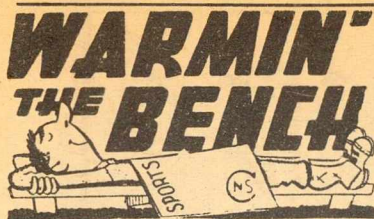
The exhibit was held Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, and the judges were enthusiastic in their praise of the Letterman section. Their stamps were noticed by the other collectors, who expressed their interest, and a desire to aid in supporting the Letterman club.

The club, which was organized in January 1946, now has 21 members, and has as club sponsor Miss Ruth Horne. Regular meetings are held every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. in the Recreation Center.

Those who entered stamp collections in the exhibit were: Sgt. Charles Kahman, Italian and Russian stamps; Lt. R. A. Doyland, United States stamps.

now calls that her home.

Off-duty pastimes are bowling, the theatre and reading. Now that she is back in San Francisco, she plans to see the current plays. She has recently read and enjoyed Daphne DuMaurier's "King's General," and Mary Jane Ward's "The Snake Pit." She likes the women's magazines, Cosmopolitan, Red Book, and the new "Today's Woman" in the magazine field.



By HIBEL

After a lapse of four wartime years, the famed Indianapolis Speedway will again thrill thousands on Memorial Day, May 30th. Construction on the speedway started in 1909 and was completed a year later. The first race was run in 1911 and continued to be an annual affair until the first World War caused cancellation in 1917 and '18.

Resumed in 1919, the yearly races continued until 1941—after which it was postponed for the duration. While speedway racing has been a tremendous success at Indianapolis, Syracuse, N. Y., Altoona, Pa., Oakland, Calif., and some smaller centers, it never has been popular in the Greater New York area. The Harkness Speedway and the Roosevelt Speedway, both costly and magnificent projects on Long Island, were failures.

There have been two three-time winners of the Indianapolis—Lou Meyer, 1928, '33 and '36; Wilbur Shaw, 1937, '39 and '40. The last winners of the race in 1941—there were two—were Floyd Davis and Mauri Rose.

The highest speed average ever recorded for one lap was made by Jimmy Snyder—130.757 MPH. The record for the entire 500 mile race was chalked up by Floyd Roberts, winner of the 1938 race—117.2 MPH.

Eddie Rickenbacker and Barney Oldfield, though two of the most famous drivers of their day, never won the Indianapolis Speedway.

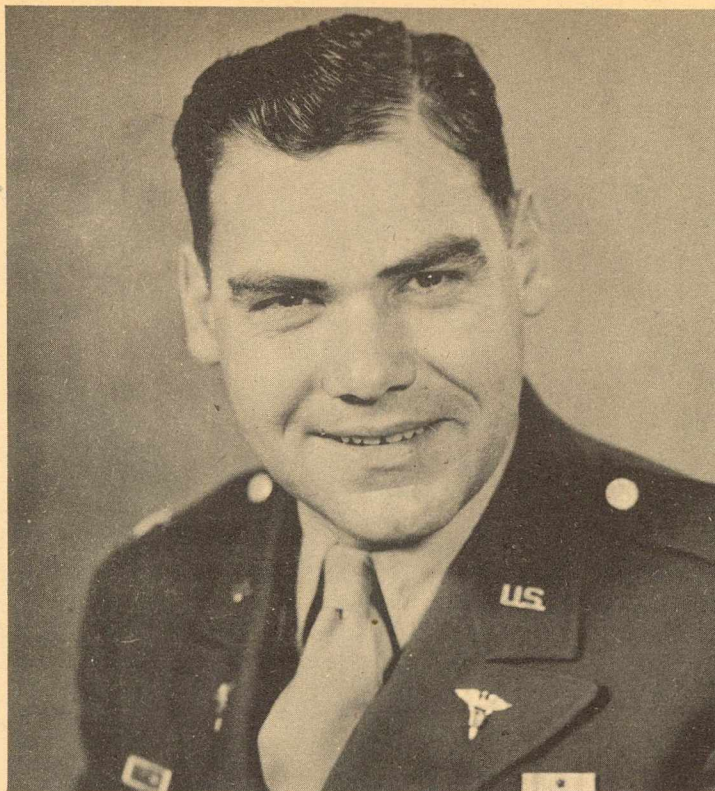
News has come in that there is a general exodus from Southern California of veteran race drivers for the Indianapolis Speedway classic. Among them are Cliff Bergere, Ted Horn, Rex Mays, Joel Thorne, Don Greene, Bud Whitfield and Gordon Schroeder—all speed demons.

Already at Indianapolis is one of the Speedway's real vets—Chet Miller, who has failed to finish first in fourteen attempts. Chet has always favored a "front-wheel machine," and his mount this year is no exception. It has a four-cylinder engine, with a 255 cubic-inch piston displacement. Miller feels that his fifteenth attempt will do the trick.

The 70th Annual I.C.A.A.A.A. Outdoor Track & Field Championships will be held May 25 at Annapolis, Md., where the country's top track stars will compete. It will be held in Thompson Stadium, home grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy.

The corset manufacturers really live off the fat of the land.

IT'S A LONG WAY TO KYUSHU AND THE COLONEL HOPES IT STAYS SO



Lt. Col. ROBERT W. SCHOTT, DC
From What Cheer to What Ho, Letterman!

An occasional patient occupying one of the chairs in the Oral Surgery Department of the Dental Section may be puzzled when the dental surgeon working on him suddenly ceases the grinding, looks out on the sunlit waters of San Francisco bay, and pinches himself. Assured of his own reality he resumes his skilled attention to the patient.

The officer who takes that occasional look out the window is Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Schott, D. C., who is back at Letterman for his second tour of duty at his favorite army station. In between tours the colonel had plenty in the way of experiences and that far-away look is an indication that memories are recurring. Memories he would like to lose—if he could.

Colonel Schott was born in What Cheer, Iowa, and is a graduate of the University of his native state. He came into the army by way of the officers' reserve corps and the CCC in 1937 in the Fresno District. In 1940 early in March he was assigned to Letterman and stayed here until ordered to the Philippines in January 1941. On arrival at Manila he was stationed at

Sternberg General Hospital and was still there when war began in December of that year.

When the enemy took over Manila Colonel Schott joined the exodus to Bataan and helped staff General Hospital No. 2 until the surrender in May. He took the infamous March of Death and was imprisoned at Cabanatuan until February 1944 when he was moved over to another prison camp on the island of Kyushu. His day of liberation was 15 September 1945. After recuperation leave he came back to Letterman in April of this year.

In the day before the war clouds appeared on the horizon, well, to be exact it was on 19 August 1938 that he was married to Miss Evelyn F. Dearey, of Grand Forks, N. D. and they are now making their home in San Francisco.

The colonel has a pal of his prison days here in Chaplain Stanley J. Reilly and they hold a session now and then to reminisce on the days before Bataan and after. They may at times take a joint look out the window—nd just to vary the program pinch each other to assure themselves that Japan is far away.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

The past two weeks have been hectic ones in the detachment, what with all the new assignments and moving around of personnel. Last week 50 of the ward men were transferred to the hospital train unit for duty, and were replaced in their wards by trainees just out of basic training given here under the command of Lt. James Stacey, assistant chief of the training battalion, and Lieutenants W. R. Dykes and Raymond Donahue, company commanders.

Twenty-seven new men were assigned to the motor pool. O & I, I & E, Physical Reconditioning and Special Services had their staffs augmented by 13 specialists. Charge of Quarters has 12 new men, and headquarters received several additions to their already efficient staff. The other trainees were assigned to other offices, wards, labs, and special details.

Those of you lucky enough to know T/5 Albert Vendouris (Al to his friends) will be happy to know that he has returned from furlough. Brown and healthy from two weeks under that good old Southern California sun, and with many a furlough tale for credulous groups (are they ALL true, Al?).

T/4 Edsel Hamilton, a recent arrival from Fort Sam Houston, and well remembered by the men in the training detachment, is back with his old love, the Finance Office.

Pvt. Richard Glover, formerly of the University of Indiana, and now assigned to the Parasitology lab, is quite surprised that he apparently is the only EM in the lab. He is no little startled, when wearing a white coat, to be 'sir'd' by the ward men.

MORE ABOUT WAC OF THE WEEK

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ment to civilian life will be far more difficult than the adjustment made to Army life, and that she, for one, will definitely miss the life now enjoyed. Above everything else, Dorothy appreciates the feeling of every WAC sticking together in time of crisis or sickness. Where else can such marvelous unity be found??

On and Off the Record With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Russ Nunes took time out from his 40-day furlough to stroll into the office with a quarter cigar and a man-of-leisure attitude to relate his wonderful trip with his buddies to Mexico, San Diego, and Los Angeles. He's returned to patient days on ward 18.

Ralph B. Swanson of E-1 is the latest groom. When I met his very lovely wife, who resembles Lucille Ball to a T, I got the whole story. Seems Ralph and the Mrs. knew each other at the tender age of four when such things as platonic friendship exists. When Ralph returned from overseas and went home for a furlough some months ago, he re-discovered her. She is Sally Mae Connely . . . Swanson. The couple were married in the wedding manner in the Wedding Manor in Los Angeles. A reception at the bride's home followed, and to Ralph's dismay, his bride was kidnapped by his brother and cousins during this time. However, she was returned without ransom, and the honeymoon started. Mexico, Laguna, and Los Cruces were only a few of the places visited during this eight-day period. Ralph and Sally Mae are now "at home" in San Francisco.

Talk about the women being drugstore blondes . . . and you always do!! It is rumored that Leonard Brooks and Ray Daniels of ward 2 are using that well-known head rinse, peroxide!! Is it a new fad or do the girls really prefer blonde men?? Let us know the results, fellows.

Chung Hoy, the well known card shark of "Little Reno" (C-2) hasn't had any steak dinners lately . . . Wonder why???

When a certain show came to C-2 last Tuesday night, there was a very attractive native dancer who centered her attentions on Norman Scheu. Is that a sunburn, Norm, or were you really blushing???

Clement Meighan of E-1 says that he's going to stake a claim on the first bed area where he has spent many of his hospitalization months. He's gonna raise guinea pigs and fresh vegetables!! What next??

The normal quiet (?) and uneventful evenings of ward M-1 were gone last week as many beauties from the Standard Oil Company visited and played card games with the bed patients. They even had prizes . . . I should have said that the ward has been quiet up until

the admission of Harold Roman and his San Francisco line.

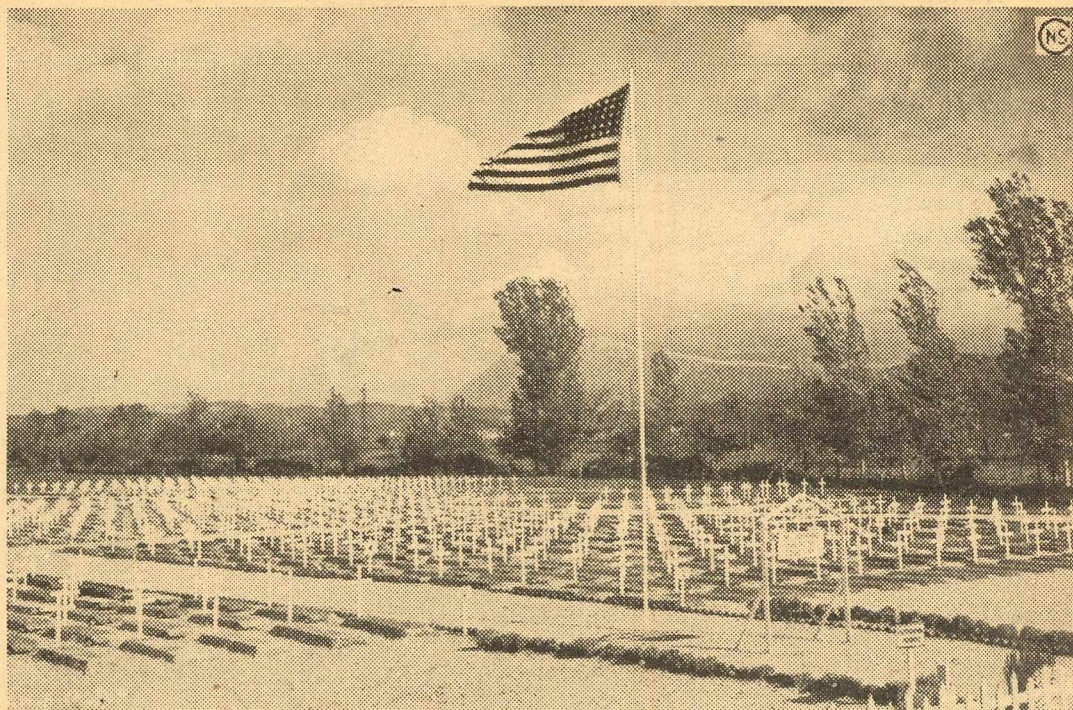
Sorry to hear that Luis Serpas of M-1 recently cut a furlough short to return to the hospital. Seems civilian life was too much for him. And he was having such a wonderful time visiting his family in San Francisco, too!!

The geetar player for the trying trio, John Collins, is quite a promoter. John, who at one time was quite a showman, is very interested in getting patients to join the trio . . . preferably those who are up and coming musicians, or patients interested in writing music. Also, anyone who can dance the Latin style might look John up on ward D-1. When the group is fully organized, they have plans to entertain patients on wards, and we might even persuade them to give us detachment guys and gals a sample of their talent. Drop in and see John if you have any ideas to offer, or talent to share.

The bridge fiends at the "Y" will

Memorial Day—1946

"Glory Guards With Solemn Round the Bivouac of the Dead"



In cemeteries all over the world row upon row of crosses mark the final resting places of those who died in the struggle for freedom and decency. The Stars and Stripes, symbol of their distant native land, flutters majestically in the breeze in perpetual guardianship of the hallowed ground. Typical of the U.S. military cemeteries in every corner of the earth is that at Mt. Soprano, Italy (above) where rest some of the Americans who gave their lives for their country in the Italian Campaign.

URGE SAVING OF LOAN GUARANTEE

Banks and other lending institutions were urged this week by Arnold A. Wilken, Veterans Administration loan director in San Francisco, to use as little of the Government's guarantee of loans to veterans as is necessary.

Wilken pointed out that some lenders consider a down-payment of 10 to 20 per cent sufficient guarantee in normal home mortgage

miss their able partner, Hal Schildler, of ward O-2. Hal is on his back for a few days, but soon will be up and about to participate in Letterman activities.

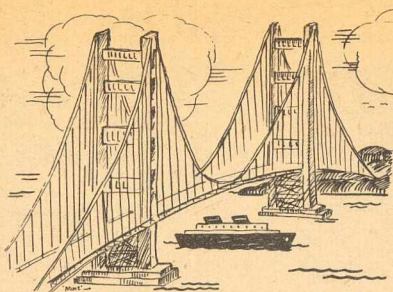
"Tex" Leonard is one of the first Texans we've ever met who claims that other places do exist besides his native state. Unusual Tex even adds that he prefers these new-founded places to Texas, and that's no joke, son!!!

lending yet require the Government's full 50 per cent loan guarantee when lending to veterans under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.

This policy, he said, is depriving such institutions of a future market in GI loans. "Whatever portion of guarantee credit is left over after a veteran has made one loan can be used for additional loans at any time within ten years after the end of the war," he explained.

Looking into the future, Wilken added that the veterans' delayed buying power "could be of great value to the country in case of a recession."

Stressing that lending organizations prepared to offer GI loans with a minimum guarantee will "deservedly attract a lot of business," he said there are indications that some banks throughout the country have already established the principle as institutional policy.



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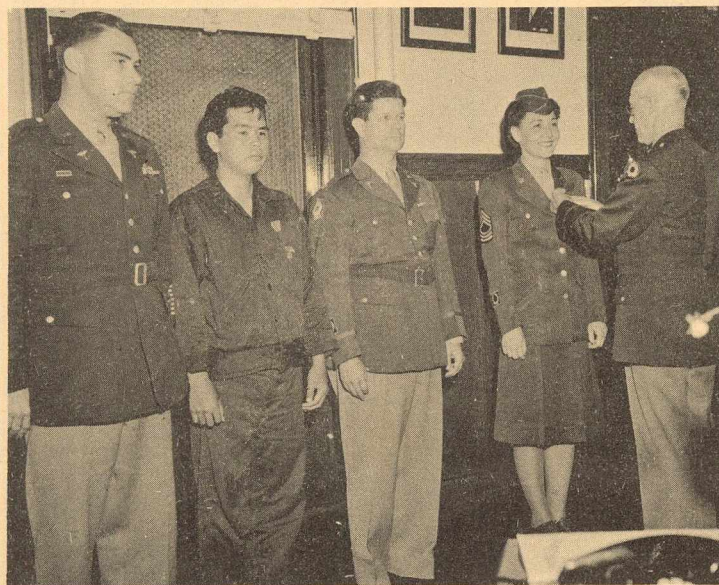
Legion of Merit And Other Awards Presented Here

The Legion of Merit award was presented this week to Col. Warren J. Clear, a patient at the hospital, and two Bronze Star Medals and two Army Commendation Ribbons were also presented to Letterman personnel, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman made the presentations.

The Bronze Star decorations went to Lt. Col. Robert W. Schott and to Sgt. Masami Kasadate; the Army Commendation Ribbons to Lt. Col. Robert L. Whitfield and to M/Sgt. Opal G. Borders, WAC.

Colonel Clear's citation for the award stated that he "rendered exceptionally meritorious service as a speaker for the War Department during the critical production period, January 1944 to August 1945. He addressed a large number of war workers directly connected with the manufacturing of munitions and material, and through his professional skill and broad knowledge of the Army and War Department, successfully cultivated a better common understanding of the armed services. By his tact and eloquence, Colonel Clear developed a relationship between production and military forces which contributed greatly to the success of the war effort."

Lt. Col. Schott's award was "for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands from June 1942 to October 1944. Serving with a hospital in Military Prison Camp No. 1, Cabanatuan, Philippine Islands, Colonel Schott rendered outstanding service to his fellow soldiers over a prolonged period despite the most difficult conditions. During the first few months, the death rate assumed alarming proportions due to a diphtheria epidemic as well as frequent outbreaks of dysentery, malaria,



FOUR RECEIVE AWARDS

L. to R.: Lt. Col. Robert W. Schott, Sgt. Masami Kasadate, Lt. Col. Robert L. Whitfield, M/Sgt. Opal G. Borders, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman. Colonel Schott and Sergeant Kasadate received the Bronze Star medal; Colonel Whitfield and M/Sergeant Borders, the Army Commendation Ribbon.

beriberi and pneumonia, yet Captain Schott repeatedly exposed himself to the ravages of these diseases and by his unflinching loyalty to the patients prevented what might have become a wholesale decimation of American Prisoners of War. Handcapped by a completely inadequate medicinal supply and starvation rations, he worked untiringly and faithfully to curtail the physical and mental deterioration which was becoming apparent among the diseased prisoners. He courageously continued to carry out his assigned duties while suffering from hunger, illness and exhaustion. By his dauntless spirit of self-sacrifice, untiring devotion to duty and unwavering courage in the face of increasingly disheartening conditions, he was instrumental in saving the lives of

many comrades, and his unselfish service exemplified the highest traditions of the U. S. Army Medical Department."

Sergeant Kasadate, who entered the service from Kaneohe, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, and served with Company L, 442d Infantry, received the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievements in the vicinity of La Houssiere, France on November 7, 1944."

Lt. Col. Whitefield's Army Commendation Ribbon was awarded "for meritorious service as Chief, Receiving and Evacuation Branch, Letterman General Hospital, from March 1945 to April 1946. His outstanding organizing and administrative ability, sound judgment and devotion to duty in supervising the

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Special Services Expands Program For Personnel

Arrangements have been completed for a greatly expanded program of Special Service activities for Letterman personnel, and a weekly schedule of events will be published to keep Lettermanites informed.

The program was inaugurated this week, and includes entertainment, sports and educational features. This week events at the gym, the pool, the Occupational Therapy Shop and the YMCA were listed.

Gym activities were tournament play in badminton, tennis, volley ball, handball, cage ball, ping pong and horseshoes. At the pool there were swimming competitions in free style, back stroke, and breast stroke, and an obstacle race, as well as diving competitions. Instruction is available at both gym and pool. Arrangements have also been made for horseback riding and riding lessons.

The Letterman Girls' Soft Ball team played two games during the week on the Presidio baseball diamond. This team has the enviable record of winning five out of five games.

Two shows given at the "Y" were open to personnel — the Armed Forces Variety Show and the USO show "Have a Look."

Craft and hobby instruction is available at the O. T. Shop, with all materials free except leather.

Two baseball games at the Seals' Stadium were on the list of off-Post amusements, and on Sunday, June 2, there will be a boat trip tour of San Francisco Bay on the "Ernie Pyle," with food and entertainment.

The weekly bulletin will announce future events.

TUNING IN ON LETTERMAN'S RADIO STATION KLGH

"Time for a station break, Ed."

Pvt. Ed Seifert, of Ward E-2, wheeled himself over to the mike in the KLGH studio, and took over. Read the announcement without clearing his throat, too. No ahems allowed.

It was the first patients' day in the radio room at Letterman, inaugurated this week as one of the features of the week-long fourth anniversary celebration of the Armed Forces Radio Service.

Under the direction of the studio staff, patients operated the control board, gave the "What's Doing at Letterman" program, and put on the popular "Requestfully Yours" record show. That show seems to stack up as the best-liked feature of the studio's 14-hour day, according to Station Manager John Miller, who says "We always have more requests than we can fill in the time allotted to the program."

Mr. Miller plans to have one patients' day each month, and ambulatory patients who are interested in learning to broadcast, write scripts, and operate the controls may contact him—extension 2711—and arrange to take part in the next patients' day scheduled. It is planned to make this the basis of a broadcasting workshop in which patients can learn and put in practice the various aspects of radio production work.

The studio staff is glad to have patients drop in and see the wheels go round any time, says Mr. Miller. Location: Directly under Ward K-2. Hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Among the patients who took part in the broadcasts this week were Sgt. Paul Jansen, Ward E-1, Pfc. Hal Roman, Ward M-1, Pvt. Ed Seifert, Ward E-2, Marjorie Appleby, Ward P, and Pfc. Frank Alioto, Ward 27.

At present Staiton KLGH broadcasts over only one channel, but the AFRS is installing four channels, and during June, when the installation has been completed, four different programs will become available to hospital listeners. One of these will be the hospital's local program; the other three will be outside broadcasts. Baseball games and other sports events will then be on the daily broadcast schedule.

Each bed will have its own individual radio set in the form of a portable 3-inch speaker, which lies on the patient's pillow or hangs



LAUGHING ON THE INSIDE, TOO
Is Pfc. Hal Roman of Ward M-1, at the Control Board of Letterman's radio station KLGH during patients' day learning the ins and outs of radio from the station staff.



INFORMALLY YOURS
Are the KLGH radio station staff. Front and center is Station Manager John Miller; beside him, L. to R.: Charles Cretan and Hal Haklik; the other three, L. to R.: Don Sherwood, Donald Schwab, Roger Skelton.

on the head of the bed, and can be heard only by that patient. He may switch on any one of four programs. This will make it possible for four individual patients in adjoining beds to listen simultaneously to hot jive, a Chopin etude, a newscast and an address by the chaplain, all without disturbing one another.

May 29 was the fourth anniversary of the Armed Forces Radio Service. AFRS was a war baby, born in May 1942 of the War Department's understanding of the American man's desire to keep up with

the news of his own country and of the world, to laugh at a good joke, to thrill to a stirring moment in a good drama, to chill to a spine-tingling mystery, to listen regularly to and enjoy his favorite popular songs, classical arias, dance bands and symphony orchestras.

The first program, entitled "Mail Call," an "H" (Hollywood) production, was a half-hour musical variety show, with top motion picture and radio stars. The mental, moral and physical effect of hearing Bob Hope's program at 7 every Tuesday,

the Hit Parade at 9 every Saturday night, and all the other great radio programs from "home" at their usual broadcasting time was tremendous.

It was therefore obvious that these programs, too, were needed and quickly. The commercial sponsors, advertising agencies, talent, motion picture studios, unions, networks and copyright owners were contacted in the interests of taking air-checks of the regular weekly commercial network broadcasts, taking out the "commercials," since the Army could not be in the position of endorsing any individual product, and sending them overseas to be broadcast over AFRS stations. Thus men overseas could still hear their favorite radio programs on the same day they heard them at home.

Every one of these people and organizations responded magnificently and unselfishly. They gave gratuitously of their services and their properties. It must be said to their eternal credit that in return they asked and still ask only the privilege of giving more.

AFRS now produces 50 individual shows per week. This means that each program is specially written, cast and produced by AFRS-Hollywood for service personnel, and tailored to their particular order.

Military and Naval hospitals in the United States are serviced by the AFRS hospital transcription unit, composed of "H" productions, Basic Music Library, and Information programs. In addition to these programs, the hospital stations tune in and pick up commercial broadcasts from the networks.

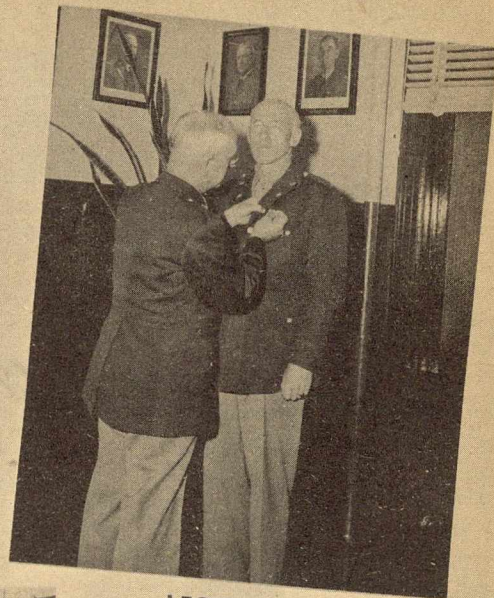
This group of stations has been named the "Bedside Network." The War Department, in an effort to provide the best possible radio coverage for its war casualties, has given the job of operating these stations to AFRS. New technical equipment of the latest and best type of internal broadcasting system is being installed. AFRS procures and trains the station staffs, and programs and operates the stations. Station crews consist of six members.

The station crew at Letterman's Station KLGH includes John Miller, station manager; announcers Charles Cretan, Hal Haklik and Don Sherwood; Roger Skelton, chief engineer, and Donald Schwab, assistant engineer.

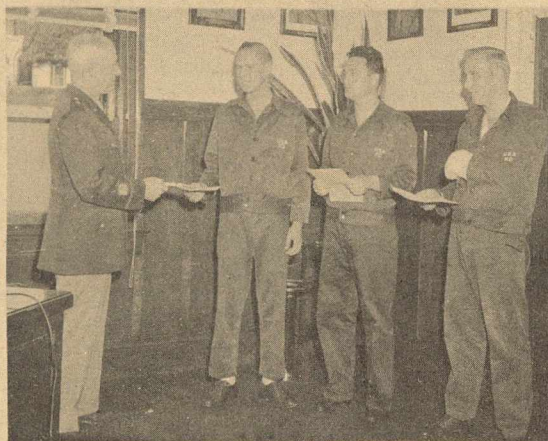
Entertainment And Awards Share Camera Spotlight



MACK BROS. & COMPANY
And what a company! On the program of the Armed Forces Variety Show at the "Y" last week.



LEGION OF MERIT
Award is presented to Col. Warren J. Clear, patient at the hospital, by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman.

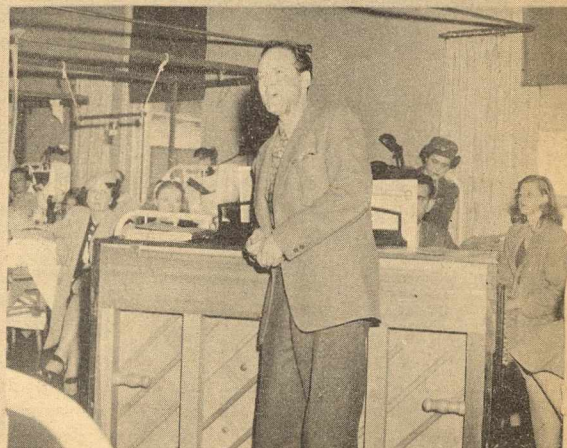


CONGRATULATIONS
From Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman to the three patients above to whom he presented their High School diplomas—Pfc. Raymond B. Benson, Pfc. Leonard Brooks, T-5 Russell A. Mallette.



WITH GESTURES
By Kathy Ellis of the cast of "Roberta," who joined other members of the cast last week in entertaining patients on the wards.

THEY LIKED
Those love songs warbled by Gilbert Russell, also of the "Roberta" cast.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE WHY OF IT

American soldiers like to know the why of things. In war or peace, they want to know why they are doing what they are doing. This mental attitude has been called typically American, and was spoken of by Baron Von Steuben, Washington's military adviser during the Revolution. He said that German soldiers obeyed orders with blind obedience, but American soldiers wanted a reason.

During World War II, although there were many situations in which the why of things could not be explained, the Army did make a greater effort to furnish reasons than during other wars in the country's history.

Now that the war is ended, there is no single mission or objective for the Army. There are several missions, and only by knowing our national objectives can the men of our Army know what these missions are.

Prevention of future wars and the establishment of a sound occupation policy with that end in view are two of the most important of these objectives.

It has been pointed out that the job that needs doing is to build an American Army that will be and will remain a power behind the peace. Although the duties involved may not be as dramatic as wartime assignments, the ends to be gained are equally important.

WAC

By Bette Byers

For the first time in the history of the WAC Detachment at Letterman, an enlisted woman received a citation. To M/Sgt. Opal G. Borders went the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon last Monday afternoon in Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman's office. In part, Sgt. Borders received the ribbon for meritorious achievement from 7 May '45 to 1 April '46 because she "displayed outstanding ability, initiative, sound judgment, and energetic devotion to duty in establishing and supervising training schedules and the personal conducting and training of WAC enlisted personnel in hospital duties." Congratulations!

An unusual wedding ceremony—or ceremonies—took place last week in the Letterman Chapel as Pfc. James A. Verberg of 1927 SCU gave his name to T/5 Odessa M. Prescott. At the same time, the maid of honor and the best man became Mr. and Mrs. They were Pvt. Marvin J. Davis of 1927 SCU and T/5 Christine Vitkery of this detachment. It was the first double wedding ceremony performed by Chaplain (Captain) Herman Benner, and we wonder if there has ever been a previous one in the history of the WAC Detachment. Both couples received three-day passes for a brief honeymoon.

We'll be seeing more of ourselves by next week when 150 WACs will join us on these fair grounds. The additional girls will be placed throughout the Presidio, and will not be attached to Letterman, but we'll still have an opportunity to display a warm welcome spirit. Remember when you first arrived??? Captain Marjorie Hunt will be their Commanding Officer.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Arlene Kerns who rushed to Parkersburg, West Virginia on an emergency furlough due to the death of her niece.

Due to the railroad strike, T/5 Elsie Gayton found herself stranded at Letterman throughout the week-end. After chewing her nails down to the elbow, Elsie, who was scheduled to leave for discharge at Ft. Sheridan Saturday, finally managed to take off Monday.

Conspicuous by her absence is our Commanding Officer, who is on a seven-day leave. We'll be glad to see her back with us, but in the meantime we hope Captain E. L. Stephenson enjoys her vacation!

Last Monday night the WAC soft-



by Bette Byers

The Singer Sewing Machine class has claimed one of Letterman's nurses. She is Lieut. Virginia Peterson, who is learning how to "make your own" and spending all her spare time whipping up a pretty new dress . . . to be used in the civilian future, no doubt. Besides sewing, Virginia accompanies Lieut. Sue Fagans to the Camera Club to study the art of snapping a lens. Both nurses recently served on the hospital ship "Republic," and are showing great interest in participating in social events at Letterman.

Lieut. Lydia Dobaran of E-1 spent a very enjoyable day off visiting her sister in Berkeley, and catching up on old friends. They haven't seen each other for some time, and each meeting is a great event.

Farewells seem to be the rage as a constant number of nurses tuck their bars carefully away for memories' sake and don latest fashions in feminine attire. Three recent discharges, Lieuts. Pat Farrell, Mary Donnelly, and Betty Feeley were given a farewell party in the Nurses' Recreation Hall last Thursday evening by their many friends. Approximately 30 nurses, with their escorts, enjoyed dancing and refreshments to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

The happy note in Lieut. Christine Griglek's voice is due to her anticipation of receiving her civilian booklet soon. She plans to return to school, and believe it or not, she's not too delighted about shopping for a new wardrobe.

Captain Elizabeth Johnson has returned from her train trip to New York, but what has happened to Major Eileen Brady?? Was the worm's eye view of New York and the anticipated sight of Boston too much for the little western girl???

Major Mary B. Schick of the regular Army Nurse Corps spent this past week at Letterman. Her trip from Washington to the west coast was made primarily to see the 460 nurses of the Army Nurse Corps who are being assigned to duty in the Pacific Theater. "These nurses are

ball team had an opportunity to show their skill after many weeks of spring practice. The Letterman team ran off with a 12-6 victory over Dibble. Nice going, girls!

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, June 2, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

New V.F.W. Post

A Filipino Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is in process of organization, and all members who join now will be on the charter membership roster, according to Al Bala, of the diet kitchen.

A meeting will be held June 12 at 7:30 p. m. in the War Memorial Building, Civic Center, Van Ness and McAllister Streets, San Francisco, at which officers for the coming year will be installed. The post has been named for John W. Ricohermoso.

Music-Makers

Rehearsals will begin next week for the about-to-be organized LGH Concert Orchestra and LGH Dance Band, and already nearly a dozen patients and duty personnel are enrolled in the group. Sgt. Guy Shortz, of the Educational Reconditioning Office, will conduct and teach both groups.

The rehearsals for the concert orchestra will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 p. m. in the Recreation Center; for the dance band, Tuesday and Thursday in the "Y" auditorium. Those interested in singing are asked to join the group on Wednesdays.

Already signed up are Rivera Selverio, Roy E. Munson, Lawrence Vaquez, Jacob Chester, Frank Ragg, Sam Van Ducen, Johnson Speer, Edward Seifert, Walter Manley, Walter Hanson and Jack Lane.

a very outstanding group," she pointed out, "because many of them have had previous overseas service in the Pacific and European Theaters." Major Schick's gracious and straightforward manner won her many friends during her short visit with us.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELLEN I. NESS
Staff Sergeant

Our typical outdoor girl of the detachment in Staff Sergeant Ellen Ness who comes to us from the Pacific Northwest. Born in Eugene, Oregon, Ellen spent all of her years prior to enlistment in that area, venturing as far as Portland.

Upon completion of high school, Ellen spent one year at Oregon State, taking secretarial training. She has held a variety of jobs, including working in a kindergarten for two years, venturing into a credit office, working for Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Corporation, and holding a double job of one-half day spent at the University of Oregon business office and the remainder of the day at the Eugene Water Board. To add to the list, Ellen worked for the Eugene Chamber of Commerce as assistant secretary, and in addition to her secretarial duties which she had performed throughout her working career, she acted as receptionist, travel director, and entered into the various projects taken up by the C. of C.

Prior to enlistment, Ellen had spent 200 hours as a Red Cross Nurses' Aide which satisfied to a small extent her deep interest in medicine, and led her to join the WACs. To her dismay, her extensive secretarial background kept her out of the medical technician's parade. But she found a great deal of unforeseen happiness in acting as a medical secretary to excellent medical authorities throughout Army hospitals. At Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, Ellen worked with the specialist in the transverse myelitis wards and when these patients were evacuated to Birmingham General Hospital, Ellen accompanied them. At the time her patients were CDD'd to Veterans Administrative Hospital Facilities, Ellen came to Letterman and was assigned as secretary to

Allied Drive Across Europe Began With D-Day Invasion

By Camp Newspaper Service

Two years ago, on Tuesday, June 6, 1944, the Allies unleashed their long planned knockout blows against Hitlerite armed power. The invasion of western Europe had begun.

As the greatest invasion armada known to history steamed across the choppy waters of the English Channel towards the coast of Normandy, Doughboys and Tommies called to each other, or whispered in the darkness of the packed vessels, "This is it."

In the coded jargon of the Allied High Command, the assault on Normandy was known as "Operation Overlord." It was one of the keystones of the overall strategic plan evolved for the destruction of the Axis.

Allied Situation Grave

Gen. Marshall in his last biennial report as Chief of Staff, revealed that the Allied High Command reached general agreement in April 1942 to invade France during the summer of 1943. In the months that immediately followed, however, the Allied military situation turned critical. The Red Army was hard pressed as Hitler swept towards the Caucasus, and Rommel was battering his way across North Africa to the all vital Suez Canal.

To cope with the altered Allied military picture, the assault on France was ruled out. Invasion of North Africa, listed in the code index as "Torch" was decided upon and undertaken instead. Allied success in North Africa was more successful than anticipated, and attention again centered on an invasion of France.

The Allies, however, did not possess at that time, the resources required for so gigantic an undertaking as an assault on western Europe. Consequently, it was decided to work towards the elimination of Italy from the war, at Captain John A. Eisenbeiss, Chief of Neurosurgical Service.

Although Ellen is the perfect model of an outdoor fashion magazine, she claims she's too lazy to participate in sports, but thoroughly enjoys being a spectator. However, she occasionally spends her energy riding, swimming and ice-skating.

Her hobby is her family: six sisters and two brothers, with her fifteenth niece or nephew scheduled to make an early appearance! Who in the detachment can top this???

From Col. Craft

Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft, who left recently for the Hawaiian Islands, writes that he is now on duty as Operations Officer in the Surgeon's Office, Mid-Pacific headquarters.

the same time carrying out intensive preparations for the eventual onslaught against France.

All through the latter part of 1943 and the first half of 1944 America and Britain concentrated on readying themselves for D Day. In camps throughout the U.S. hundreds of thousands of men received intensive training in the basic elements of modern combat. Later, they were given additional training in the British Isles where they simulated the real thing. Our ground troops went through innumerable "wet runs" with practice hitting of beaches, storming ashore from landing craft, moving inland behind and in front of artillery and machine gun fire, and slashing through barricades. When the invasion started, they were virtually "battle hardened" troops.

The ground forces had been preceded in Britain by units of the service forces who set up supply depots, hospitals and other installations required for large scale military operations. Millions of tons of supplies of every type, and size flowed in an endless stream from America to Britain. Such a tremendous stockpile was accumulated that our boys jokingly asserted the British Isles sank several feet under its weight.

Luftwaffe Destroyed

Allied strategy called for the elimination of as many obstacles as possible before the invasion was launched. Chief of these obstacles was the German Air Force. Since the Luftwaffe would not come into the open and fight, it was decided to knock out German air might at its source. American and RAF air fleets, often consisting of 1,000 or more planes kept up round the clock batterings of Nazi plane factories and air fields. This aerial offensive was highly effective, and went a long way towards eliminating the Luftwaffe as a military factor.

When D Day arrived, everything was in readiness. The sole miscalculation was the weather. The worst squalls in 40 years raged through the narrow waters of the English Channel. Ships which had already embarked for France had to turn back. But not for long. Less than 24 hours later, they were steaming toward the Normandy coast again.

There had been invasions aplenty before D Day 1944. But none could compare with the assault on France. Overhead an air armada said to number 10,000 planes roared through the skies and kept them free of enemy craft. In the Channel a surface fleet of thousands of war and transport vessels of every size moved to their appointed places off the Normandy beaches.

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



WALTER R. BISBEE
Private

A newcomer to the detachment and your future writer of the detachment column is Private Walter R. Bisbee, or "Bob" as he prefers to be called.

Bob claims Long Beach, California as his home, and under pressure admits that he's a native son of sunny California. Before his entry into the army, Bob held many types of jobs, running the gamut from magazine sales as a kid to show business, and into publicity in theaters, carnivals, and circuses, followed by sales work of various natures, and last but not least, several years in the cab business in both San Bernardino and Long Beach.

The last cab company with which Bob was connected operated in a suburban district, and during gas rationing Bob ran a shopping service for his patrons, picking up groceries, delivering kiddies to school and buying size 34 "Lana Turner" sweaters at the downtown shops. He did everything, in fact, except stand in line for butter and nylons.

His outside interests are as numerous and diversified as his work experience. Bob plays a fair game of golf, is very fond of riding and occasionally enters a local rodeo . . . the results usually being disastrous! He also likes football, where he says his weight makes him a natural, and he has a love for dogs, dogs, and more dogs! Bob has attended dog shows and field meets since the age of twelve, and has owned several fine dogs of which he is inordinately proud. Three preceded him into the service via the K9 Corps!

Bob was inducted at Fort MacArthur where he worked in the shipping clerk's office, finally shipping himself to Letterman General Hospital, which he says is the finest post in the country. Upon completion of his army service he plans to attend a veterinarian college.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

A gay week end it was as our happy group of girls from the Laboratory, Dolly Von Lubken, Kay Woo, La Verne Leake, Beverly Rowe, Helen Ramsden, and Jean Peetz motored up to Russian River. They spent their time swimming and sunbathing, and perhaps a good share of it was spent cooking meals, as they took over Jean's aunt's guest house.

It wasn't "Mary's Little Lamb" but Myrtle Wood's Cocker spaniel "Rip" that Vivian Halverson from the Liaison Office was exercising last Saturday morning.

Aloha to Mary Cummings of the Evacuation Office over at Crissy Annex as she leaves for Honolulu aboard the Acadin to continue her duties for the government at Hickam Field. Sailing with Mary will be Carmen Martinez, formerly on duty here in the Receiving Office.

Loretta Devincinzi of the Enlisted Duty Section is resigning to take up a new career as housewife, as she adds Mrs. to her name.

Two weeks of resting is in store for "General" Carson, supervisor of the Officer's Pay Section, as she leaves this Monday to forget her daily routine.

A little misfortune overtook Pat Mochbee when she scalded her in-step a few days ago at her home. Our sympathy, Pat.

A big welcome goes to Therese Nelson who arrived Monday from Fitzsimmons General Hospital after an exciting bus trip due to the railroad strike. Therese will carry on in the Enlisted Duty Section.

Getting back to her studies, Jean Beaver of the Out-Patient Branch leaves work behind on the 8th of June when she plans to enter the University of Oregon.

A good catch of fish was the object of Dave Parry's trip to Marin County last week end, but he returned with nothing but a wood-tick. We understand his fellow-workers in the laundry offered suggestions on how to get rid of the bug.

Belated congratulations go to Edmund Poskus of the Finance Office on his recent marriage to Eve Damiano. A honeymoon in Carmel followed the ceremony, which took place in San Francisco.

After enjoying a pleasant week end in Modesto, Aileen Hollen managed to return by train on Sunday.

Frances Bengle of the Record

LIEUTENANT MARY B. CHAPIN AND SPRINGER SPANIEL "PATTY" ARRIVE



Lieut. MARY B. CHAPIN
To Letterman via Oro Bay and Manila

Vitality is the word for Lieut. Mary B. Chapin. A recent arrival to Letterman, but not to San Francisco, Lieut. Chapin came to take on the duties of assistant Commanding Officer of the WAC detachment and tells us not only by words but by actions that she is glad to be here.

Forever having a desire to indulge in radio work, Lt. Chapin became a rookie in December 30, 1942, but throughout her successful khaki career nary a radio tube did she see! Instead she went to Administrative School at Conway, Arkansas, and back to Des Moines to graduate with the 30th OSC class. Her first station as a junior officer was at Camp Stoneman in 1943-44.

After an extensive overseas training period which lasted for seven weeks at Ft. Oglethorpe plus fifteen

Room at Crissy Annex is leaving to take up the domestic side of life.

It is good to see Hilda Mansfield back again at the PX Grill after a few days spent combating a little illness.

additional days at Camp Stoneman,

Lt. Chapin waved a temporary goodbye to the United States. The majority of girls she trained with were "volunteers and took this training wonderfully." They left on August 1944 and in time landed at New Guinea, where she acted as Commanding Officer. Oro Bay and Manila were included in her tour of duty before she returned to the States on 15 September. Since that time she has been at Fort Stevens, Oregon. On the 16th of May Lt. Chapin was introduced to Letterman.

Leaning toward the outdoor type, we find her greatest interests in hunting, fishing, all winter sports, and for variation . . . craft work with leather and jewelry among her specialties. Prior to her induction, Lt. Chapin, who is a graduate of Iowa State, spent a short period living on a farm in Woodruff, Wisconsin where she didn't farm, but spent her time on wild life reading and working with the Conservation Department.

With Lt. Chapin came "Patty," her springer spaniel, who wears no

"Roberta"

Patients of E-1, G-1, and S-1 were delightfully entertained by the "Roberta" cast last Friday afternoon. With Tom Ewell acting as Master of Ceremonies, a lot of the boys caught up on the latest gags and fast dialogue. Gilbert Russell was accompanied by Douglas Thomas at the piano as he sang some of the more popular love ballads. George Britton, leading man of the show, added to the musical renditions. Most popular of the entertainers was exotic Sondra Barrett, whose dances added to the gaiety of the show. Kathy Ellis was in the musical group, singing with clever pantomime.

The "Roberta" cast ended a three-week engagement at the Curran Theatre last week.

Diplomas

Having completed the required GED tests through Educational Reconditioning at LGH, three more patients qualified for High School diplomas last week. The new "grads" were congratulated by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, who also presented their official letters of notification from their respective schools.

Each diploma will bear the seal of the student's original school, thus Pfc. Raymond B. Benson, Ward 27, is now a full-fledged alumnus of Fergus County High School, Lewiston, Montana; Pfc. Leonard Brooks, Ward 2, Adams High School, Clarkston, Washington; and T/5 Russell A. Mallette, Ward C-1, Moss Point High School, Moss Point, Mississippi.

Wedding Bells

Audrey Borland of the PX became the bride of Cpl. Charles Mathis, Marin Corps, at the Presidio Post Chapel, on Friday May 24, at 7 p. m., with Chaplain Gerhart officiating. Mrs. Mathis wore a beige suit and a brown veil caught with Cecil Bruner roses, and an orchid corsage. Maid of honor was Lutie Herning, also of the PX, and Cpl. Charles Nattress, shipmate of the groom.

Three of the bride's co-workers in the PX, Mesdames Higgins, Thompson and Yarter, gave a reception for the couple at Mrs. Higgins' home following the wedding ceremony.

WAC insignia other than her dog tag. When "Patty" finds life a little dog difficult, she lets out with a lady-like whimper. Meeting all moans with a friendly smile, Lt. Chapin makes this no exception and can be heard to say, "Change the key, "Patty, you're singing off tune!"

MEDICAL DETACH

Here we go, no we don't! Thanks to the late railroad strike 172 members of the detachment have been playing ring-around-the-rosy with their transfers to Fort Sam Houston.

They finally got away Wednesday, taking with them two of the best known Texans on the post, 1st Sgts. Charles Cooper and Percy Carnes, who will return to the hospital from their home state after a short visit.

M/Sgt. William Robinson in Hospital Charge of Quarters office is sweating out the arrival of a very important ship from Australia. Hope she doesn't bring your mother-in-law too, Sarge!

Pvt. John E. Miller, former Marine radio operator now in Hospital Charge of Quarters office, seems to have but two worries: When will that promotion come through, and why won't his hair get any longer? Don't worry so much, Johnny. On you a crew-cut looks good!

Off to furlough and a taste of the outside world is Pvt. Salime Saloom and Corporal Seth Allen. Have a grand time, fellows, but don't forget to return, Natch'!

Pfc. Morris Barrett is conspicuous by his absence as he was transferred to train duty temporarily. He's heading Texas way . . .

Bob Jones is also on a furlough . . . but this one is different. He dood it!! Re-enlisted, and has thirty days before he begins his Army career where he left off.

Back from a 30-day furlough is M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz. Contrary to rumor, Sgt. Kuntz, who is known by anyone who is stationed here longer than two days, is returning to his old job. We're mighty glad to have him back with us!

The old (in the service) men are leaving rapidly while new unfamiliar faces continually pop up wherever you look. Thirty-two men from the detachment were discharged this past week, and that, son, is no joke!! If you wish you were among them, just hang your head and weep! The crying towel is just around the corner!

For you who missed the detachment party given Thursday night at the gym, let this be a lesson to you!! Everyone had a grand time.

NEWLY APPOINTED POST EXCHANGE OFFICER IS CAPT. HAROLD MILLER



Capt. HAROLD R. MILLER
Lately known as the "nylon king"

Though he can't dig for Indian arrowheads here as he can and does at home in Carlsbad, New Mexico, Captain Harold R. Miller, Letterman's new Post Exchange officer, says he'll settle for just being here, because although he arrived only a brief two weeks ago, he already likes Letterman and San Francisco very much. Of course he's bringing his collection of arrowheads, so he can mull over them at his leisure.

A lot of his time during this first fortnight has been spent in house-hunting, and he's more than enthusiastic about the home he found for his family. They are now living in Salt Lake City, but are due to arrive very soon—his wife, Anne, their two sons, Alfred, lately of the Navy, James, who recently received his discharge from the Army, and his wife, Mrs. Jim.

Captain Miller, who is a Quartermasters Corps officer, was an enlisted man during World War I, and was in the Reserves until recalled to active duty in September, 1942.

During World War II he was stationed for a time at Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. He took a course at the Army Exchange School at Washington & Lee University, and was then assigned to Yermo Holding & Reconsignment Point at Yermo, California, near Barstow, where he remained for 34 months.

In October, 1945, he went to Fort Douglas, Utah, where he was Exchange officer with jurisdiction over nine post exchanges, during which time he became known as the "nylon king." (Sounds encouraging, doesn't it?)

His assignment here is a three-way one—he is Post Exchange, Canteen and Procurement Officer. Letterman extends a hearty welcome to Captain Miller.

And about that archeological activity, Captain, and arrowhead digging, even if you get homesick for it, please don't indulge on the Letterman lawns!

DANTE ANTICS

Ward personnel in 101, 102 and 103 are mighty busy this week transferring patients and property over to Letterman. Big cogs in the moving are Marge Cartret, Clara Phipps and Jamie Baker, hustling about like KP pushers back in Basic Training.

Corrinne Boyette is back in the Receiving Office after a trip with her husband, Bob, who recently received his discharge from the Army.

Patients and duty personnel alike will miss Mrs. Helen McCall when she leaves the Red Cross staff on the first of June.

Nick Petryszack, whom the detachment named The Wolf, leaves for the separation center this week. Everyone here will miss him.

We've all missed Marion Haskell this week. She is absent because of illness.

Just returned from a brief honeymoon in Salt Lake City are Lieut. John Maida and Deloris Daily. Both of them are on the staff here at Dante. Their friends wish them much happiness.

Nurses leaving for separation this week are Lieutenants Patricia Bunnell, Blanche Cernac, Louise Dillard, Vera Jensen, Ruth Waddell, Mary Onandia, Ethel Rollo, Mary Sharp and Margaret Sheffield.

Captain Manuel Kalman, receiving office, is on leave for the next few weeks and is spending his time in New York City visiting friends. Major Potter has come over from Letterman to take his place.

MORE ON LEGION OF MERIT

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reception of overseas patients, and their evacuation to other hospitals throughout the United States contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of this mission of the hospital."

M/Sgt. Borders received the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service as first sergeant of the 86th WAC Hospital Company, and non-commissioned Officer in Charge of WAC medical training, Letterman General Hospital, from May 1945 to April 1946. She displayed outstanding ability, initiative, sound judgment and energetic devotion to duty in establishing and supervising the training school and personally conducting the training of WAC enlisted personnel for hospital duties."

More 'D-Day' ON AND OFF THE RECORD With the Patients

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The first Allied troops to land on the Continent were airborne soldiers. They hit French soil 15 minutes after midnight, June 6, 1944. The paratroopers quickly seized enemy held airfields, knocked out Nazi anti-aircraft batteries, and set up similar batteries of their own. Behind them came waves of infantrymen carried in gliders and transport planes.

Next followed what is perhaps the greatest naval bombardment of all time. The big guns of the Allied warships sent their giant shells roaring inland, knocking out the Nazi land batteries, disrupting the enemy's communications, and preventing him from calling up his reserves. One reporter on the scene described the naval assault as "a sheet of flame from one end of the 100 mile long line to the other." More than 200 tons of shells were hurled at the enemy positions every minute.

Troops Storm Beaches

Then the troops waded ashore. Near Caen units of the British 2nd Army and the Canadian 3rd Division landed on the beaches and moved swiftly inland. American forces stormed ashore at what was designated on the battlemaps as the Omaha and Utah beaches, on either side of the Vire River. The invasion area was close to the marshes of the Carentan Estuary, down the coast from Cherbourg.

The Allied landings caught the Germans flatfooted. They had expected an invasion for a long time, and prepared to meet it. But they never thought the harborless beaches of the Carentan area would be the assault spot. They had expected the invasion to begin in the Pas de Calais district with its harbors.

The British captured Bayeux the day after the invasion began. A week later, Gen. Eisenhower congratulated his men on their achievements. They had overcome almost insuperable obstacles. On one of the beachheads a recovered foe nearly turned the landings into a disaster. But by June 12, the beachheads had been joined at Carentan, after that town had been captured by the 101st Airborne Division. The Allies had shoved 20 miles inland at one point and 80 miles of Normandy coast were under their control. Less than two weeks later, the Americans swept across the Carentan peninsula and seized the key port of Cherbourg. From then on, it was a steady Allied march to the Rhine and the Reich and victory.

While the guns barked off the invasion coast, church bells tolled throughout America. All over the country the people went to their places of worship and offered prayers for Divine guidance in this fateful hour of civilization.

By Bette Byers

Glamour Boy Harrison he was known as in those days. Yes, it's Letterman's own Sam Harrison of ward C-2. The ward has decided that he has "Personality Plus" because the biggest percentage of girls that come into the ward sooner or later make themselves comfortable right by Sam's bed. How does he do it, his buddies wonder??? The catch is that the visitors are never around when his wife comes to see him. Do you have them trained, Sam??

It has been rumored that Casanova Bailey of M-1 is getting married. Bailey almost lost his freedom twice before, but changed plans. Best of luck to you in the world this time!

Have you noticed a lot of fellows running around looking as though they had lost their last friend? Well, they are losing a very dear one, I understand. It is charming Miss Nina Graybill. Nina has acquired a lot of friends here and all the fellows says they hate to see her leave, especially one who has been requesting a dinner date for some time.

Perhaps many have read in the San Francisco Chronicle about a drink known as "Ward 8." Ask Jessie Hyles where that originated. Jessie was at one time on ward 8. Now isn't that a coincidence!!

Michael Fenimore of C-1 is busily teaching Russell Mallette how to strum the mandolin. The tune was "Oh, What it Seemed to Be!" The reason . . . Russ wants to serenade his one and only when he returns to Mississippi.

Paul Senti, Norman Greer, and Ed Mayer of D-1 are on the list of Peck's bad boys. The reason is due to the common deck of cards . . . but there's more to the story. You discover it! They won't tell me . . . I'm just a reporter(!)?

Red Berry of E-2 who is on furlough has been spending a great deal of time at the San Bruno airport. Last Sunday he took Tex Leonard of that ward up with him . . . and Tex is still talking about it! In fact . . . he's still up in the air!

William Jones of E-2 just returned from his furlough to say that half the time he didn't know where he was!! The other half he spent at his home in Los Angeles.

E-1 is one of our hobbiest wards . . . It's Bill Butler this time . . . Bill

is making nifty looking watch bands, and is beginning to take special orders . . . all by accident. He just completed one, and the requests came flooding in! On the side, he's knitting an afghan . . . red, green, brown, and blue. Howzat for a color scheme!

Thomas Cartney of E-1 claims he has nothing to do with knitting . . . isn't it strange how needles and yarn accumulates in one's room!!! . . . also on the clicking needles' list is Leonard Lowdermilk of ward 29.

John Baker of F-1 seems to be having a little wifely difficulty. Johnny's in the dog house for having an operation instead of going home as his wife expected him to do . . . so she's waiting and counting the hours all over again until he can make that trip to Southern California.

August Gentile of F-1 is a renlistee with the 4th Army Air Force. August would like to become a writer . . . but doesn't feel he's well enough acquainted with the king's English! That's one thing you can easily pick up in a hospital!!

A discovery was made on F-1 in the form of Don Clarke. Don is Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman's chauffeur, and has been ever since the General took command here. He can recount many interesting tales of experiences, but the outstanding ones are when he drove over to Hamilton Field to pick up the liberated prisoners of war.

Who is the socialite who pays Stan Klaus of M-1 a daily visit???

The outstanding act given by the high school students of Balboa High School this week was by a cute little trick who imitated Cass Daley on M-1. The fifteen students put on a swell performance for the boys, with novelty acts, a four-piece band, and various other entertainment features.

Don Hill and Amos Owens make a terrific twosome in Room 3 of ward M-1. Don is a horse-racing fiend and has the radio blasting out the sad results of the races, while Amos sits up in bed with screaming blue pajamas on, eyeing stockings as they walk by!

Farewell to thee . . . Leo Kesl of M-1. Leo is soon to transfer to Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Colorado, which is a loooooong way from here, but a great deal closer to his home. Best of luck to you, Leo.



By Hibel

This season's crop of stunning shortstops—no matter how gifted—will have to step plenty to be mentioned in the same breath with Hans Wagner, whose name is synonymous with the best in short fielding. Hall-of-Famer Honus, still very active at 75 as Pirates' coach, is currently in his 50th year of major league baseball.

There never have been as many brilliant shortstops in the major leagues as this year. There were some fine performers back in Wagner's heyday—along with Wagner, there were Joe Tinker of the Cubs and Bobby Wallace of the Browns—but you could name five standouts at short today to one shortstop star of yesterday.

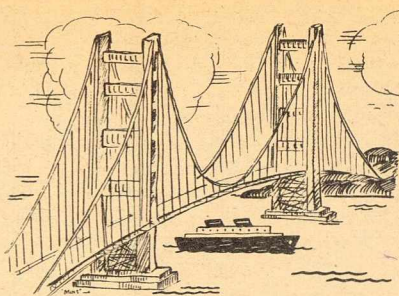
Ordinarily, one shortstop looms largest in the public's eye—such a player is Slat's Marion of the Cards, a fielding demon who earned the title of "Mister Shortstop." But there are a number of others seriously contending this honor. . . . Dodger Pee Wee Reese, Red Eddie Miller, Yankee Phil Rizzuto, Red Sox Johnny Pesky, Indian Lou Boudreau, Brown Vern Stephens, Senator Cecil Travis. All offer strong arguments to be classed with Marion.

Pesky, for instance, wields so potent a bat that his powerhouse hitting overshadows his fine fielding skill. The Boston star, who was a clubhouse boy in his native Portland, Ore., only a few years ago, recently stopped one hit short of tying the major league record of twelve consecutive hits—and in another game tied a record by tallying six times in a game.

The technique of playing short is the most difficult in the infield. A great shortfielder will hold your inner four together. A poor one will make a sieve of the defense. Prime importance is the skill of fast ball-handling—the quick start of a twin killing, the lightning pivot. In this speedy handling, Rizzuto is tops. Phil was a standout factor in the setting of a new major league mark for double plays—196 in 1941.

Pesky has this to say of his shortstop rival: "I envy Phil one thing—his ability to get the ball away so fast, to handle it with such speed and confidence. I can throw harder than he. But I can't throw with such speed. I'd like to be able to do that."

That's real praise from one superlative infielder to another. During his service hitch, Rizzuto got malaria in the Philippines. After his discharge, he looked pretty sick. But Phil is back, better than ever.



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Rehabilitation Experts Counsel Letterman Patients

Specially trained teams of Veterans Administration rehabilitation experts are bringing their counseling skill to the veteran's hospital bed to speed his return to employability, the VA announced this week.

A team already is operating at the VA tuberculosis hospital at Livermore, Calif. Vocational advisers and other VA rehabilitation specialists make regular visits to Letterman Hospital and to the VA general hospital at Fort Miley.

The program is in process of being established at other veterans' hospitals in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii, according to Col. Thomas J. Cross, VA deputy administrator for the area.

O. W. Price has been appointed director of vocational rehabilitation and education for the VA in this area. He replaces Scott B. Harrington, who was transferred to New York.

Price joined the Veterans Administration in 1920 as Rehabilitation coordinator at Kansas State College. He has since served in Springfield, Mo., St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Denver.

Coordinated efforts of medical specialists, physical and occupational therapists, vocational advisers and training supervisors are brought to bear to give the hospitalized ex-soldier the earliest possible start on his way back to self-sufficiency.

Readjustment begins as soon as the veteran patient is beyond the "acute" stage in his medical recovery. He is interviewed and tested to determine his interests, needs and aptitudes. When he is well enough



Colonel LUTHER R. MOORE, MC
Old Time Lettermanite who returns here for station as Chief of the Radiological Service.

physically, he begins occupational therapy designed for its pre-vocational value as well as its aid to recovery.

A vocational adviser works with the veteran in the hospital to choose a vocation suitable to his interests and physical capabilities. A training supervisor tells him what occupational fields are open and arranges the place of training.

The program is aimed particularly

to benefit the 20 per cent of disabled veterans so severely injured as to need more than the normal amount of help in renewing their ability to earn their own living.

Every effort is made to fit the program to the individual and to continue the morale building and therapeutic stage of recovery into the vocational training phase after the veteran's discharge from the hospital.

Letterman Now Under Office of Surgeon General

Letterman General Hospital, formerly under the Ninth Service Command, is now under the jurisdiction of the Office of Surgeon General, and is redesignated as 9956 Technical Service Unit, SGO.

A station complement was established this week, and consists of the following: 9956 TSU-SGO LHG Medical Section, 9956 TSU-SGO LGH WAC Section, 9956 TSU-SGO LGH Reconditioning Section (Officer and Enlisted Personnel), 86th WAC Hospital Company, 358th ASF Band, and 1972 SCU Enlisted Section.

The new designation of the hospital comes as a result of the recent reorganization of the War Department and the Army, in which the Service Command functions will be taken over by the six army areas.

The reorganization provides under the Chief of Staff a War Department General and Special staff; a ground force under a Commanding General, Army Ground Forces; an air force under a Commanding General, Army Air Forces; and Administrative and Technical Staffs and Services under their respective heads.

All will have headquarters in Washington, D. C., with the exception of the AGF, which will establish headquarters at Fort Monroe, Virginia. In addition, six army areas are established, the Military District of Washington, such overseas departments, task forces, base commands, defense commands, commands in theaters of operations, and other commands as the Secretary of War may find necessary.

Joint Army-Navy Search for Missing Personnel Still On

Intensive searches for Army and Navy personnel who became missing or missing in action are continuing throughout the world. However, reports of search activity to date indicate there remains little or no possibility of finding any of such personnel alive, except a few who have been missing less than 60 days or a few who are believed to be deliberately absenting themselves without authority, the War and Navy Departments have announced.

It is the opinion of all overseas commanders who are charged with searching for information of the fate of missing persons that, with the above exceptions, all living Army and Navy personnel have been recovered. This opinion is based on knowledge acquired before and since the cessation of hostilities and on experience gained during the extensive searches which have been made throughout all areas concerned.

All overseas commanders were recently queried as to the probability of personnel now carried in the missing status being located alive. The answers from all commanders revealed that no information has been brought to light by intensive investigations which would indicate the possibility that any will be found alive.

Listed "Missing" for One Year

Virtually all persons who are now officially recorded as missing or missing in action will continue to be so recorded until 12 months have expired from the date of inception of the missing status, or until conclusive evidence of death or of some other status is received, as required by a Federal statute.

The cases of all personnel who have been missing more than a year, and who have not yet been officially presumed dead under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, are under review in the War Department and it is anticipated that all action to make presumptive death findings in these cases will be completed shortly. All naval personnel who have been missing more than one year have already been presumed dead.

Under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress as amended, after an individual has been in a missing status for 12 months and no conclusive evidence has been obtained, all available reports and data

concerning the individual's disappearance are carefully reviewed and a determination of status is made. Following the review, the War and Navy Departments are authorized to make a presumptive finding of death or to continue the person in a missing status, as the circumstances warrant. The next of kin in each instance is notified of the change in status. The termination of a person's absence by a presumptive finding of death is not to be construed as an indication that the search for the missing individual has been concluded. It is merely an administrative procedure which terminates the pay and allowances for persons listed in the "missing" status.

Information From Prisoners

A great volume of pertinent information on "missing" personnel was obtained from Americans liberated from German prison camps around V-E Day and from Japanese prison camps shortly after V-J Day. The liberated personnel were interrogated soon after their release and in many cases furnished bits of information which when pieced together enabled Army and Navy officials to clear up the records of many persons who had been in the "missing" status.

Numerous German documents, files, and records were captured by American troops prior to and immediately following the surrender of the German forces. These records have been translated and contain in many instances complete files on persons who have been carried on the "missing" status. References to the date, place of burial and cause of death have been found in the files of many American soldiers. In many cases during hostilities, the Germans notified the International Red Cross of deaths within their areas, however, frequently these reports were sketchy.

Comrades Give Data

Original information on combat casualties was obtained from the comrades of those who became casualties, both in ground and air battles. Although the location of casualties from ground action is known to be within a certain area, the heat of battle and pressing tasks which rested upon the troops sometimes made it difficult to obtain complete information.

All original and subsequent Army casualty reports are forwarded to a

central casualty record office known as the Casualty Branch, Adjutant General's Office. These offices exist in every theater of operations with a central office of records in Washington, D. C. In case of the Navy, all original and subsequent casualty reports are forwarded by the Commanding Officers directly to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.

The work of searching for, identifying and caring for the remains of casualties is a responsibility of theater commanders in each theater of operations. Under the comprehensive search plan now in operation, extensive investigations and searches are being conducted in all areas that may be productive of recovery of persons or of casualty information.

Once a grave is located, the team members check to see if it is marked with any identification. If the graves bear no markings, the members of the team will disinter the body and make every effort to identify it.

Identification Methods

Identification tags, jewelry, fingerprints, dental charts, anthropology, serial numbers of wrist watches, and any equipment found either in the grave or in the vicinity, and the combat records of persons in vehicles or aircraft are all employed in the extensive identification investigations.

After identification is made, or all facts which may lead to identification are recorded, the team members will effect reburial. The grave is properly marked and a record of its exact location is made.

Many identifications are later made after extensive investigations based upon a single clue. One example concerns the identification of a casualty based upon a ring bearing initials and the insignia of some organization. Long investigation revealed that the insignia was the seal of a normal school in the United States, but that its student body was exclusively female. The school roster and a list of graduates were checked. After a great deal of correspondence, the owner of the ring was found. She disclosed that her husband had been wearing the ring, thus after many months, positive identification was made.

Another particularly interesting identification based solely upon a ring follows: A Marine Captain, who had been a prisoner of war of the

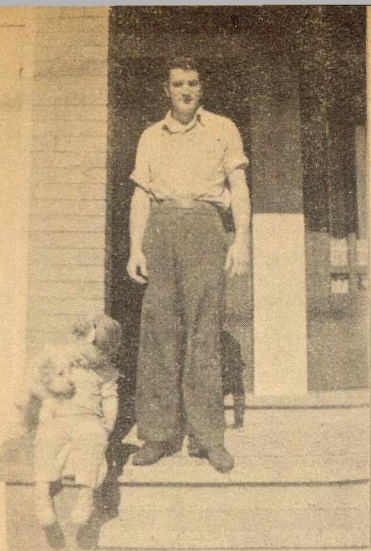
Japanese, came into a War Department office with a ring. The ring showed a picture of a building with a pine tree in front of it, three initials, and bore the date, "1937." On his release from the prison camp at the end of the war, the Marine Captain had received the ring from a Chinese cook at the camp. The Chinese cook told the Captain that one of the prisoners, an American flier, whose name he could not remember due to his unfamiliarity with English, had given him the ring just before he was taken out to be executed and asked him to get it back to the United States. Beyond that there was nothing.

Ring Discloses Identity

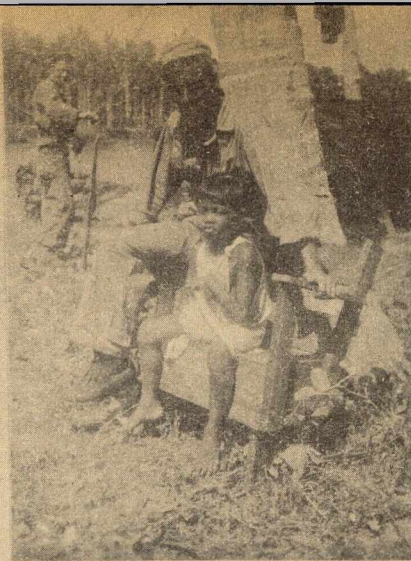
The War Department sent the ring to a metallurgical laboratory for analysis, which disclosed that there were three jewelry manufacturers which used that particular alloy. Greatly enlarged photographs were made of the ring and sent to these three manufacturers. One of the firms replied with a small lead slug, evidently stamped from the same die from which the ring was made, and which also disclosed that it was a graduation ring of a certain high school. A check of the high school in question was made and, from the initials in the ring, the identity of the soldier was established from a list of the graduates in 1937.

However, identification of the individual was only a part of the task. It was still necessary to locate the grave. The Chinese cook was located. He had not witnessed the execution, but he knew a Korean who had. The Korean was finally found, and he had also witnessed the burial, and led the searchers to an isolated grave upon which there were no marks of identification. A dental chart taken from the remains, checked with the records at the time of induction, proved beyond a doubt that it was the body of the missing flier.

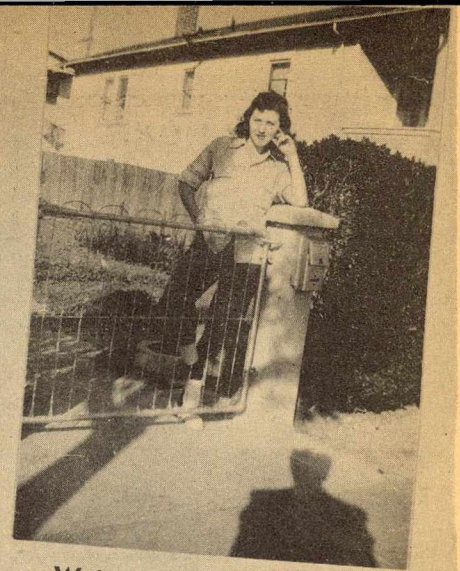
War and Navy Department officials stress that the searches will be conducted as long as there remains an area which might be productive of any information about American war casualties. Instructions have been given to all personnel involved in the search activities in any manner to be thorough and exact so that positive identification may be made in as many instances as possible.



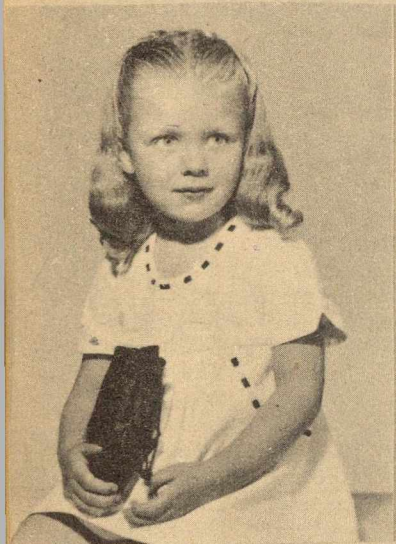
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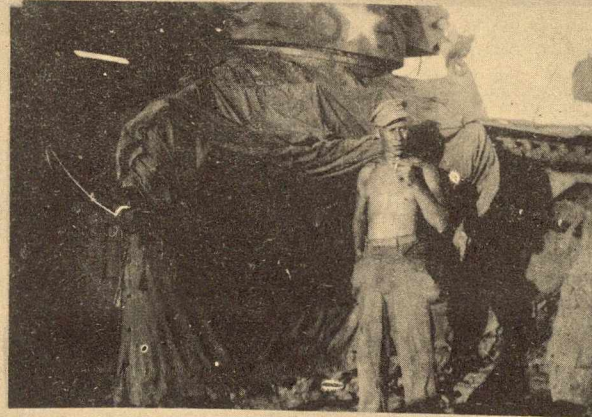
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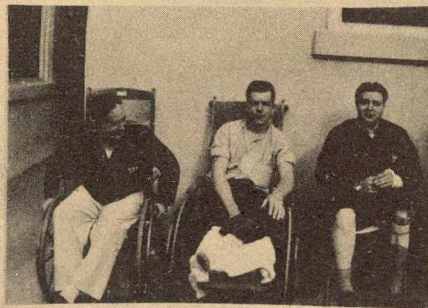
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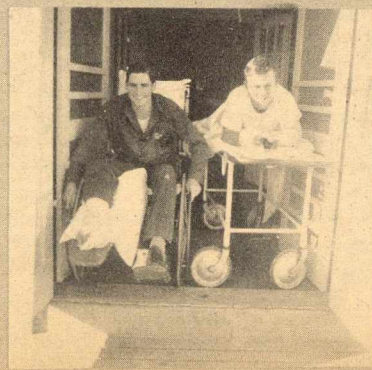
Time Out for a Smoke



Adventure



Leg Show



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EDITORIAL

FLAG DAY, 1946

There are many "firsts" this year, and next Friday, June 14, will be the first Flag Day since the end of hostilities last August. In 1777, 169 years ago, Congress formally adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national emblem.

On Flag Day in 1940 Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium had been overcome by the Germans. British armies were being driven from France, and collapsed within the week at Compeigne. That same day the United States had five half-strength infantry divisions, not more than 300 combat planes, and to protect a continent, a force hardly large enough for minor maneuvers. It was a dark June 14th for the cause of freedom.

In a recent address, the Secretary of War pointed out that "We will be obliged to pull out of Germany and Japan if we allow our Army to dwindle away until it is too weak to occupy them. We would then be in the position of asking for another war. The maintenance of peace comes down to the point, therefore, of Army strength."

A lack of interest in the military establishment can be tantamount to a lack of interest in the flag. In every part of the world, the flag and the soldier carry out a mission of parallel import. Both are representative of the American way of life and are the symbol of American power. Both stand for a world in which men can live without fear.



By Bette Byers

Looking forward to a 30-day furlough is Lieut. Claire P. Egan. She will spend her carefree days in Rhode Island visiting her family and renewing old acquaintances.

Major Eileen Brady has been found! After her ride to New York and Boston she said, "It was a wonderful trip, but Letterman looks so good!" And she does to us, too! She's now trying to find her way around the east hospital.

After being packed for months and very excited about her transfer, Lieut. Lucille Ermoian is off to Ft. Lawton, Seattle, Washington. With her go Lieuts. Virginia Van Dyke, Agnes Rivord, Vivian Hansen, and Helen Quinion. Adios and good luck!

Lieut. Grace Otash recently returned from a weekend in Carson City, Nevada to display proudly a newly-acquired ring. To be correct, we'll now address her as Mrs. Steiner. . . Captain Harold Steiner is the lucky man. She has discarded her uniform for a civilian wardrobe since that time.

Glad tidings!! Lieut. Gertrude Hickey is once again in our midst after a period of sick leave. Her friends are very happy to see her returned to duty.

The group of nurses who recently boarded the ship for an unknown destination in the Pacific have sent cards this way announcing APO numbers 503 and 815, c/o San Francisco. Where they'll stop is anybody's guess, so everyone is anxiously awaiting that first batch of letters.

To separation at Camp Beale go Lieuts. Mary Brennan and Laura Geske. They will return to make their homes in San Francisco "for a very special reason" . . . more guessing on our part. Best of luck, and we'll be watching the headlines for that "reason."

Lieut. Ann Newton of ward K-1 celebrated her nth birthday Sunday with several friends. They had dinner topped with a candied birthday cake at the Penguin Club and then went on to see the "Vagabond King" at the Curran Theater. Our belated best birthday wishes to you!! By the way, did you know Lt. Newton was one of the top-notchers of the WAC softball team!

WAC

By Bette Byers

Two brides who were added to the list of the recently wed this week are T/4 Malta Bengé and T/5 Audrey Cunningham, both of the laboratory . . . maybe it's catching!! Malta became Mrs. Harry Coates at a very informal ceremony performed in the Post Chapel. Harry is a civilian and a very recent ex-patient of Letterman. After a three-day pass length honeymoon at Monterey, the couple will return to San Francisco and await Malta's receipt of discharge . . . then on to North Adams, Massachusetts to settle down and live "happily ever after."

Audrey Cunningham and T/5 John Bowen of Oakland Army Base were married last Sunday morning in the Post Chapel in an informal ceremony. The ceremony was witnessed by approximately 30 friends. Best of luck to both of you!

Two recent additions to the WAC detachment are T/5 Beatrice Broughton and T/Sgt. Mary Higgins. Beatrice was transferred to us from Rhodes General Hospital, New York, while Mary is a re-enlistee . . . also from New York. She has had 18 months overseas service in India and China. Her story shall be printed for your reading very shortly, I hope!

While Helga Bjorndal spent her three-day pass enjoying sunny Santa Rosa, and Sylvia Smith played in the sand at Santa Cruz, Mary Chamberlain Lyles was madly apartment hunting!! Will an apartment owner please open the door to Mary so that her mind can return to the Orderly Room!!

Among the many activities which have recently been held for the duty personnel of Letterman was the boat excursion last Sunday. The sunburned noses are the only evidence of the wonderful time had by all who toured the Bay on the ferry boat "Ernie Pyle." The 358th ASF Band was on hand to supply melodies for the riders and partake of the delicious picnic lunch.

Everyone is well aware by now of the change from the WAC Section SCU 1972 to 9956 TSU-SGO. The alphabet is interpreted Technical Service Unit—Surgeon General's Office.

Following the traditional Army style of keeping on the move were the following eight girls who re-

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, June 9, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Notice

Army Regulation 600-10 requires the Commanding General LGH once each year, to bring to the individual attention of all military and civilian personnel under his immediate control, the provisions of paragraph 2 c (6) of such regulations, as follows:

"Contributions or gifts" (a) No officer, clerk, or employee in the United States Government employ shall at any time solicit contributions from other officers, clerks, or employees in the Government service for a gift or present to those in a superior official position; nor shall any such officials or clerical superiors receive any gift or present offered or presented to them as a contribution from persons in Government employ receiving a less salary than themselves; nor shall any officer or clerk make any donation as a gift or present to any superior official. Every person who violates this section shall be summarily discharged from the Government employ.

(b) Receiving presents from persons not in the Military Establishment or in the employ of the Government in recognition of services rendered is not approved by the Department."

cently were transferred to the 1927 SCU, Presidio, San Francisco: T/5 Margaret Strovewski, Pfc. Viola Smith, Leila Hambrick, Helen Grace, Marjorie Cooke, Pvts. Helen O'Malley, Esther Doyle and Doris Simon. They are now residing in the casual barracks formerly completely occupied by the Fourth Air Force WACs. How did you enjoy your long trip, girls???

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARGARET A. BRADY
Technician Fourth Grade

For a fascinating conversationalist, look up T/4 Margaret A. Brady. She's never at a loss for very accurate words to describe in picture fashion her interesting overseas experiences.

"Peg" as she is called by her many intimate friends, graduated from St. Joseph's Academy School for Girls in Tucson, Arizona, and later watched the months roll by as she did clerical work for the Tucson Police Department, and worked as salesgirl in Jamoes Dept. Store.

The monotony of civilian life was broken when she enlisted in the WACs on May 27, 1943. Peg took her basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, and later stayed on there to fulfill her duties as supply clerk. In April 1944 she was transferred to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, where she was the only girl in the Provost Marshal's Office doing clerical work. After two weeks of overseas training at Ft. Oglethorpe in July '44, Peg left for Camp Stoneman, and the wide horizons of the Pacific. Her first job when she landed at Oro Bay, New Guinea, in August was the Graves and Registration Dept. in the Administration Office, and this clerical job she kept throughout her many months overseas. On April 21, '45, Peg arrived in Manila, and stayed there until February 1946 when she returned to the "good ol' " United States.

Out of the many war stories Peg is free to recall, she tells of the time when her company was four days out of Manila and in a convoy of 54 ships. The girls were all calmly sitting up on the deck one very hot afternoon when suddenly a destroyer nearby sent out a depth charge. They had seen signs of a submarine! There was a mad scramble for helmets and "Mae Wests" and everyone was on the verge of jumping overboard at the command, but no command was given. After two

RECONDITIONING Says

1. John Miller, Radio Expert, will publicize educational, vocational, and job opportunities over LGH's own station KLGH. Whether afoot or abed, listen in for important information of vital concern to all patients.

2. R. A. Weaver of the Internal Revenue Department is here every Thursday 7:30-9:30 for counseling and instruction in ACCOUNTING. If interested, bed patients will be seen in the wards. Otherwise, sign up in 1039 or call 4403.

3. Plaintive trumpet blasts from Charles Freeman in Ward 29 may be a pain in the ears to his ward fellows, but learning to play a wind instrument with your left arm in a cast is really something. Who knows? He may be featured some day as a new champion!

4. Ward E-1 boasts a budding saxophonist in Rivera Silverio, whose ambition is to play in a big time jazz band when he discards his present crutches. More power to him!

5. Stressing the importance of filing Disability Pension applications, the Counselling section (Room 19) offers the following information:

a. Since the Veterans' Administration (VA) is responsible for kinds of benefits and amounts of pensions, all officers and enlisted men being separated from the service because of disability, SHOULD file their disability pension application while still at Letterman.

b. At time of discharge, the Red Cross representative will assist in filling out the required V. A. Form 526, listing in detail all hospitals attended and nature of

treatments received. This form also covers the injury affecting the patient and his disability.

c. After discharge, both claim and medical records are forwarded to a Medical Board for review and disposition, after which the discharged patient is notified of his pension amount through the V. A.

d. Should this amount be unsatisfactory to him, the Veteran may appeal his case to the Veterans' Administration office, where his case will be re-examined and later, he will be notified of any adjustments.

e. It is absolutely essential that all patients, regardless of rank, file their disability pension applications BEFORE discharge, unless they prefer to sign a waiver.

f. Signing a waiver indicates that the soldier has been notified of his rights, but prefers at this time to wait until some later date before filing his application.

g. It is suggested that patients file for pensions while still at Letterman. In this way, they have a better opportunity of establishing service connections.

h. Bed patients will receive immediate attention by contacting counselling Service — Extension 2089. In Room 19 (under Receiving) ambulatory patients will be assisted by a Red Cross representative.

6. The bookshelves in the Educational section (1039) are filled with booklets, pamphlets and catalogues from schools, colleges, and universities throughout the United States. Patients and personnel will find a wealth of information here and are welcome to browse quietly at their leisure.

hours of tense expectation, it was calmly announced that the submarine had turned out to be a whale!

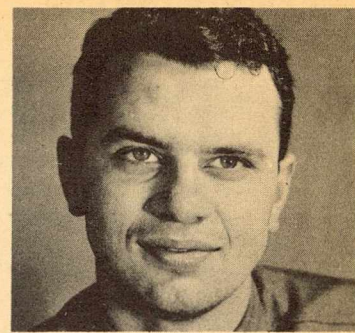
Peg will leave the service on September 1st, since she signed category on upon her return to the States. She's looking forward to civilian life once more, but above all her plans she is anticipating the reunion with her ten sister WACs she knew overseas. On Christmas Day of 1947, these ten girls will meet at the Astor Hotel in New York, recalling to the minds of spectators the

hectic days of upheaval as they march gaily through the beautiful portals of that famous hotel, all dressed exactly as they were when they walked down the gangplank to set foot on U. S. soil after 18 months in the Pacific, with HBT's, mess kits, and helmets!!

A fool and his money are invited places.

A woman never makes a fool of a man. She just directs the performance.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



RICHARD GLOVER
Private

A lot of Lettermanites are already fans of Private Richard Glover, having heard him play either at the "Y" or on his radio program here at the hospital over Station KLGH. In case you haven't heard the latter, it is called "Piano Patterns," and goes on at 12:45 Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

In his home town of Crown Point, Indiana, Richard is known as "Mittens." He didn't explain the reason for this nickname, but naturally, with a combination of mittens and the piano, it's bound to lead to calling his radio program "Mittens on the Keys," with you-know-what for a theme song.

The Chamber of Commerce of Indiana should hand "Mittens" a life membership, because he makes Indiana sound like a dream state, and causes California Chamber of Commerce members to cower in corners, thinking up new adjectives.

Dick has completed four years at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he majored in chemistry and bacteriology. He received his degree shortly after his induction into the Army.

While he was at college, he worked as an embalmer in the medical school morgue, and was known as a "cadaver boy." He found time to tear himself away from this occupation long enough to be featured in several college theatrical and radio productions.

He has ambitious plans for the future, and hopes at the conclusion of his army service to attend the University of Chicago and obtain the necessary degrees to enable him to practice medicine. He says nonchalantly that this takes a mere eight to ten years.

CIVIL CIRCLES

by Lillian Jones

Great plans are in the making for the Motor Pool picnic to be held Sunday at Alum Rock Park. Helen Olecese, Ann Balconi and "Jackie" Shaffer are devoting a lot of time to preparations for the occasion, with a guarantee of plenty of good food, games, swimming and dancing. (And lots of sunshine—no guarantee.)

"Lil" Cooper of Occupational Therapy Section and Zella Counts of Dante tried to see as much as possible of California on their three-week vacation, and the trip took them from the mountains to the seashore. They traveled by car (only three flat tires), and included Carmel, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite Valley and Calaveras County in their sightseeing.

Round trip to Los Angeles via plane provided some thrilling moments for Mary Benson last weekend. She says it was choppy going down but all was smooth sailing on the homeward trip.

When Dolly Van Lubken of the Laboratory has any spare time she spends it at the Hayward airport building up her hours of flying. She already has six hours solo, and it won't be long now till she'll be zooming over the housetops.

There will be an exhibit of arts and crafts at the home of Champion Nixon, 51 Davis Street, San Francisco, from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. Mr. Nixon is ceramic instructor in Occupational Therapy here at Letterman, and the work of Letterman patients will be on display. Finger painting instructors Marjorie Cornnell, Maggie Mailley, Maria Alexander and Mrs. Arnstein will also have work in the exhibit. Llewellyn Crandall will demonstrate weaving, and some of the patients will model in clay during the showing.

(Editor's Note: Lillian Jones had fun this week introducing her twin, Grace, around Letterman and hearing people say "But you don't look alike." Lillian's reply to this was "Well, no wonder. There's 15 minutes difference in our ages!")

Tourist: "I like this place. I think I'll settle down and make an honest living."

Native: "Well, you won't find much competition."

MARGRET TRUMPOUR OF FINANCE FINDS FULFILLING DREAMS A FEAT



MISS MARGRET TRUMPOUR
Likes Charms and Bottles

The constant stream of personnel climbing the green stairs to the Finance Office is not due entirely to pay checks. There's very definitely another attraction in the Finance office, a very charming young one . . . Miss Margret Trumpour.

This pretty French-Irish girl is one of those rare creatures entitled a "Native Daughter of the Golden West." Born in San Francisco, Maggie completed Lincoln High School and spent a few months at San Francisco Junior College before being lured to the top floor of Letterman. She was added to the list of employees on duty at Letterman in October '43, first working in the Service Record Section and transferring to the Separation Center before she began to compute pay checks. She laughingly admits that this is her "one and only" place of employment since graduation. True and loyal Maggy wouldn't think of another.

With charms and bottles Maggy finds her fondest pastime. No, the bottles contain perfume, the charms (those not possessed by Margret) are

the type attached to bracelets. Among her favorites is the important little modern plumbing facility with movable parts. Her favorite perfume is Jet, by Corday and Evening in Paris, but Maggy admits that the fascination is not entirely with the scent, but is shared with the beautiful containers. There are over 75 varieties in her unusual collection.

After being bitten three times in her younger days by dogs, Maggy lavishes her affection for animals on cats. Can you blame her?

When in the vim and vigor mood, Maggy enjoys the role of an outdoor girl by racing along the beach ensconced on a western saddled mare, or dancing ("everybody does") or indulging in a fast game of ping-pong.

Her ambitions are all wrapped up in one thing . . . to possess a beautiful Cadillac convertible. After seeing Maggy, one wouldn't be surprised to find her ambitions fulfilled but with a bonus in the driver's seat!



To T/3 and Mrs. Jack Jones, a daughter, **Kathleen Louise**, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 20 May.

To Col. and Mrs. Hyman R. Osheroff, a daughter, weight 6 pounds and 11½ ounces, born 21 May.

To Major and Mrs. Charles Burseth, a son, **John Paul**, weight 8 pounds and 10¼ ounces, born 21 May.

To Major and Mrs. Carroll Smith, a daughter, **Karen Marcie**, weight 6 pounds and 5 ounces, born 22 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. George Reeder, a son, **Dan Dalton**, weight 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born 25 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jack Leavitt, a son, **Keith Michael**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 26 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Sanford L. Beshear, a daughter, **Joan Carol**, weight 7 pounds and 5¼ ounces, born 29 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert I. Price, a daughter, **Patricia Ann**, weight 5 pounds and 13 ounces, born 30 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Constantino Gonzalez, a son, **Paul David**, weight 6 pounds and 9 ounces, born 31 May.

Colonel Thompson New Red Cross Administrator

Col. Harry F. Thompson, war-time commander on Adak Island in the Aleutians, has been appointed national administrator of American Red Cross Services to Veterans, it was announced this week by Miss Gloria Rich, Red Cross field director on the post.

Col. Thompson recently retired from the Army after 28 years' service. He commanded at Adak from 1943 to 1945, with the rank of brigadier general.

A native of Oklahoma, Col. Thompson joined the Army in 1917 while a student at the University of Kansas. As a captain of infantry he saw service in France in 1918.

Red Cross Services to Veterans is a consolidation of the Red Cross program of Home Service, Claims Service and Services in Veterans' Hospitals.

Jury foreman: "We find the defendant gorgeous, breath-taking, sweet, lovable, and, oh yes, 'not guilty.'"

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

The Bay boat trip on the "Ernie Pyle" was enjoyed last Sunday by about 250 members of the detachment. The food committee did a fine job of feeding a hungry mob, under the able direction of T/5 Albert Vendouris, whose competent crew included Pfc.'s Frank Pintor, Jack Johnson, Harold Jones, Tony Ono, Gus Leggon, Pvts. Lawrence Bauby, and Frank Siebert. Special MY's on duty for the trip were S/Sgt. Steve Melinec, Sgt. Ernest Anderson, Sgt. Charlie Layne, T/4 Ed Hamilton and Cpls. James Harkins, Arthur Heinzl and Couie Scott.

The writer of this column has been transferred from Detachment of Patients to Detachment Headquarters, where his new job is to act as liaison man between the detachment and Special Services, helping arrange activities and sports.

Pvt. Johnny Miller of Charge of Quarters headed in the general direction of Santa Monica, California, on a three-day pass the first of the week. He had some fine stories to tell on his return.

Pvt. Bernard Maline of Orientation and Education left this week on a 15-day furlough. Watch out, Chicago, here he comes.

Pfc. Lawrence Kennedy, popular wardmaster of Ward 14, is back from furlough. He's been told not to regret that it's over—he'll get another one in six months, maybe.

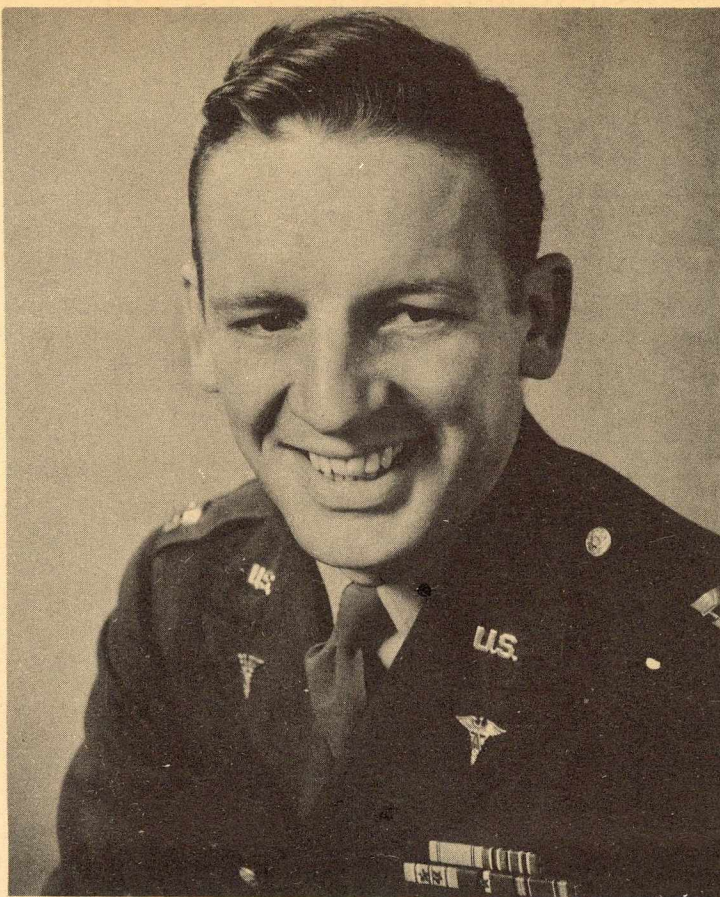
That wasn't "Swoonatra" at the detachment party—it was Cpl. Stanley Fell of Physical Reconditioning. Frankie, oops, I mean Stan, doesn't need a mike to hold him up, but we all think that on him a bow tie would look good.

M/Sgt. William Robinson, who is still sweating out the arrival of an important boat from Australia, has been transferred to 6th Army Signal Corps, where it is understood his skill in smoke signals is in demand. Hope he sends us over a smoke signal once in a while.

T/5 Jesse Harvill returned from Texas and furlough, and brought his lovely wife back with him.

Pvt: I'm on guard tonight."
Blonde: "So am I."

HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING HIS SON ONE OF THESE DAYS



Capt. JOHN J. DYKSTRA, MAC
Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines

Most welcome news heard recently by Captain John J. Dykstra, assistant Receiving and Evacuation Officer at Crissy Field, was the flash informing him that he and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of a son born May 26. The baby has been named John Jefferson, and is already known as Jeff.

Jeff was born in Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Dykstra is staying with her parents, and Captain Dykstra hasn't yet seen his son. He had hoped to be there when the baby arrived, because he was in Washington three weeks ago, but he had made the trip in General Joseph Stilwell's plane, along with other officers and enlisted men who "hitched" a ride, and when the time came to return, Jeff hadn't yet put in an appearance.

Captain Dykstra has been at Letterman since last September, and at first served as Provost Marshal and later as assistant Mess Officer, before being assigned to Crissy Field. He has been in the Army

since 1941, says he has "been doing just about what everyone else did during the war" since then.

He was first at Patterson Field Army Air Base, then at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. His next tour of duty was at Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado. In August 1942 he went to Fort Ord, and after desert training maneuvers went overseas, spending the next ten months on the staff of an evacuation hospital in Australia. Another ten months in New Guinea followed that assignment, and the next stop was the Philippines, with the 29th Evacuation Hospital in Manila. After seven months in the islands, he returned to the United States and came to Letterman.

Captain Dykstra is a native of Ohio, and his home is there. He reports that so far he hasn't been captivated by the California weather, but that could be because he might prefer to be in Washington just about now getting acquainted with John J. Dykstra, Jr. Could be!

Anything For A Laugh

As the skunk said when the wind changed, "It all comes back to me now."

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Father (ten years later): "And there, my son, you have the story of your Dad in the Great World War."

Son: "Yes, Daddy, but why did they need all those other soldiers?"

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Borrower: "I'd like to get a book."

Librarian: "Something light or heavy?"

Borrower: "It doesn't matter—I have my car outside."

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Mrs.: "I'm going to a show after dinner."

Mr.: "Dear, what will I do without you?"

Mrs.: "The dishes."

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Tillie: "But mother, I can't marry him. He's an atheist and doesn't believe there is a hell."

Mother: "Between us, we can convince him."

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"May I print a kiss upon your lips?" I asked,

And she nodded her full permission.

And we went to press, and I rather guess

We printed a full edition.

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He knelt beside her bed. She gasped. "Hubby, I'm dying, and I can't go without telling you something. I've been unfaithful to you."

"I know," he answered. "I found out. And that's why I poisoned you, don't you think?"

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Mother: "Why are you crying?"

Son: "Father thrashed me for doing a crossword puzzle."

Mother: "Why?"

Son: "Well, one clue has a three-letter word meaning 'what is drunk in the afternoon,' and I put down 'Dad.'"

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A teacher, making a trip with a group of children, stopped for lunch at a restaurant where one youngster noticed a slot machine and asked what it was. The teacher launched into a lecture on the evils of gambling. To emphasize the futility of trying to get something for nothing, she said she'd show them what she meant. She marched up to the machine, put in a nickel, pulled the handle, and hit the jackpot.



By Hibel

Only one Davis cup veteran is in the line-up named to represent the United States in an effort to recapture the international tennis trophy — Frankie Parker. The others are Ted Schroeder, Billy Talbert and Gardner Mulloy.

Headed by non-playing Capt. Walter Pate, this quartet was selected to meet a Philippine Islands' squad at St. Louis, June 14-16, in the first round play in the North American zone. A notable absentee in this first round line-up is Jack Kramer, who played with the 1939 squad. That was the team that lost to Australia, that year, and the country "down under" held the cup for the duration. Kramer won't be around for Davis cup competition until after the opening match.

Parker, a former army sergeant, is No. 1 in the present national rankings and current holder of the national singles crown. He was a member of the team which wrested the trophy from Great Britain in 1937 and the one which lost to Australia in 1939.

Parker, defeated recently by Kramer in straight sets in the Southern California tournament, and Schroeder, former national titlist in both singles and doubles, probably will handle the singles assignments. Talbert and Mulloy are slated for the doubles, although Pate is uncertain about that at this writing.

"I want to look the boys over in practice and this will give me a chance to see what they can do before we begin the tie," said Pate.

While the United States and Philippines tangle in St. Louis, Canada and Mexico will clash at Montreal in the other first-round match of North American play. The winners will face each other early in July for the right to play New Zealand, lone entrant from the Pacific zone.

Pate remarked that if the United States and Canada win their opening matches, the second round would be played in Montreal "because the Canadians want us to come up there."

Play still continues in the European zone. Results to date show that France eliminated Britain, Switzerland triumphed over Spain, China won over Denmark, Belgium defeated Monaco, Sweden trounced the Netherlands, and Yugoslavia eliminated Egypt. Ireland drew a bye and Czechoslovakia won over Turkey by default.

Why do you always eat with your knife?"

"Because the fork leaks."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Living on the ground floor and leaving your window open has its disadvantages, as Anthony Cecilic of K-2 can tell you! Anthony is back to a wheel chair from crutches . . . the cause . . . someone nonchalantly reached through the window and took said sticks from their resting place. He says he hopes that the one who now possesses the crutches has more use for them than he has . . . but is that possible??? If they were returned, there would be one very happy patient on ward K-2.

A new poet's club has begun on K-2, with John Indergan presiding. Only those who allow Captain Silverman to perform major operations on them are allowed to join. Afternoon sessions are most original in this club . . . quizzes!

Back from a 90-day furlough and feeling fit as a fiddle is Don Rubie of N-2. Don returned with stories of his many accomplishments performed on and about his home down

south, and also with the sad news that house-hunting will be one of his chores in a coupla months!

Any enterprising young man on ward 1 could have made a fortune recently merely by charging 5c admission to Bob Trotter's room. Seems that he had a slight disagreement with five (no kiddin') pachucos at a downtown ginmill. To prove it he even brought back a coupla souvenirs. It'd be cheap at twice the price . . . to gaze upon his face. Dark glasses don't hide that, Robin, my boy!

John Melin of D-1 is featuring a prize show at his own bed in the form of a card displayin a giraffe. Pretty clever card, John! Whozit from???

Speaking of cards . . . one was received this week from that honey-mooning couple, Tim Kimmerle and nurse Frances Flynn. They are having a wonderful time . . . and who couldn't in Miami Beach, Florida??

On D-1 is a newcomer to Letter-

man . . . Omar L. Harris. Omar was stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah with the AAF until his recent accident. Is it cricket to say "welcome"? Anyhoooo, we hope you'll be up and about in no time.

Clement Meighan of E-1 is now reading "Narcotics and Drug Addiction." Is that for the past, present, or future???

Lee Lasky of E-1 is one of our latest customers. . . . He's already taking advantage of arts and skills by yarning a rug. "It's a tulip," said he in one breath, and then in the next, "It's a daffodil." Quite a gardener, no doubt!!

Joe Torres of E-1 is a find on the cartoonist list. Joe has a sample of his skill on the back of his ever-present wheel chair. It's our old friend the wolf. What is the significance of that particular drawing on HIS chair??? Silly question.

Hans Gaare of E-2 is off for a 30-day furlough to Detroit. While there Hans is going to fulfill the dream of many many patients throughout Letterman by picking up a snazzy '45 car. Ain't it wonderful to buy little knick-knacks like that??

The PX is still mighty crowded these days, but lacks the familiar grin of Ed Seifert. Ed is now the host of E-2 and greets you cheerfully as you enter the ward. Have you seen his wallet lately? Quite a collection stored away there!

One of our patients hit the jackpot last week on Frances Langford Command Performance program. The show celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Armed Forces Radio Service, and especially for William Story of ward 1 Frances sang a sweet melody. Lucky boy!! Guess it was too much for Bill 'cause he immediately took a 30-day furlough and is south bound!

John McGough of M-1, after being at Letterman since 18 December, will finally have a chance to see what this place looks like! John will have cause to celebrate next week when he abandons that mattress for the first time in too many months.

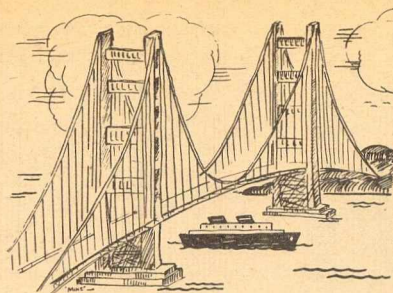
Sidney Hoskings, Ivan Endicott, Blase Gemetti, and John Condan of M-1 were just a few of the patients who recently went to Bay Meadows to see the harness races. No one lost his shirt, but John came out the biggest winner of M-1 . . . \$1.00!!

Have you ever noticed that most girls have the skin they love to re-touch?



IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT DIXIE

And lovely Anne Jeffreys is proof of the statement. Speaking of statements, which include statistics, Anne was born in North Carolina, but claims Anderson, South Carolina, as her home town. Blonde, blue eyes, 5 ft., 5, this Dixie chick will soon be seen opposite Lawrence Tierney in RKO Radio's "Step by Step."



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Major Broderick, Anesthesia Chief, Taken by Death

Major Thomas A. Broderick, Medical Corps, former Chief of Anesthesiology, at Letterman, died at the Dante Annex early on Saturday morning, as the result of a cardiac condition.

Major Broderick was born in San Francisco and made his pre-medical studies at the University of San Francisco, and his medical training was taken at the University of North Dakota and Rush Medical College in Chicago, where he was graduated in 1938. He served his internship at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco, and later held an assistant residency for a year before coming to Letterman in March 1940 as a contract surgeon. He was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in August of the same year and remained at Letterman.

When the Enlisted Technicians School was organized here he was assigned to the faculty and stayed until the school was moved to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, when he returned to the Letterman staff. His next assignment was to take a course in anesthesiology at the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, Minnesota, and on completion he again took station at Letterman until illness brought about his relief in January of this year. He was on sick leave of absence at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, with a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Ignatius' Church in San Francisco, with the Rev. Thomas M. Cummins, Pastor of St. Catherine's Church in Burlin-



Major THOMAS A. BRODERICK, M.C.
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game, as the celebrant. A large crowd of civilian and military friends filled the church for the services. Interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery with Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna officiating.

The military honorary pall bearers were Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., Colonel Emmett Litteral, Lieut. Col. Charles E. Cooks, Jr., Lieut. Colonel Vince Moseley, Major Michael J. Hitchko, Capt. John Dillon, Capt.

John E. Cann, and Capt. John C. Burke. The active pall bearers were six senior non-commissioned officers of the Letterman detachment.

Major Broderick is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen West Broderick and two small daughters, Marilyn, and Joanne. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Broderick, and three brothers, Andrew, John, and Robert, all veterans of World War II.

American Medical Association Meets In San Francisco

The ninety fifth annual session of the American Medical Association will be held in San Francisco with the opening session on 1 July and closing on 5 July. The House of Delegates will convene at 10:00 a. m. on Monday 1 July to start the program.

The Bureau of Registration will be located on the second floor of the Administration Building, and a branch post office will be available for the use of all visitors to the convention.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, will come out from Washington to represent the Army Medical Department, and while here will be the guest of honor at one of the famous "Gang Dinners" held by the San Francisco Press Club. The commanding general and staff of Letterman will be host at a reception to General Kirk and the delegates to the convention to be held in the Letterman Club on Wednesday, 3 July from 4:30 to 7:00 p. m.

Letterman is co-operating with the representatives from the office of the Surgeon General in the setting up of exhibits demonstrating the work of the Medical Department in the modern methods of caring for the sick and wounded and a model of the hospital unit cars for transporting of patients will be on display.

It is expected that many former medical officers who were on the Letterman staff during the war years will be back again to meet the present staff and watch the progress of patients toward full recovery.

Surplus Army Hospitals Released for Veterans Care

The Army's great general hospitals, built to the latest medical and surgical standards for the care and treatment of its wounded and sick during the war, are being released as rapidly as the decrease in the patient load justifies and offered to the Veterans Administration for its rapidly expanding program for medical care for veterans.

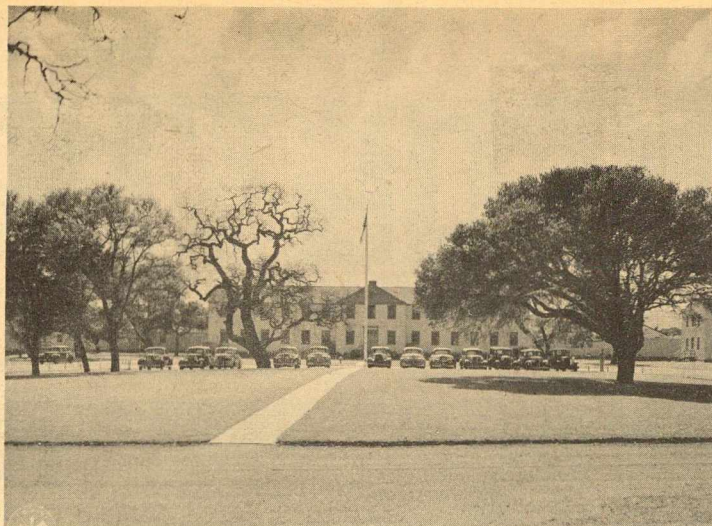
The transfers have been made as part of the Army's comprehensive plan, devised before hostilities had ceased, to effect a smooth transition when responsibilities for the case of the sick and wounded was transferred from the Army to the Veterans Administration.

The War Department program is being carried out through close cooperation between Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, and Dr. Paul R. Hawley, Medical Director of the Veterans Administration, who before retirement from the Army as a Major General, was Chief Surgeon, European Theater of Operations.

"Of 25 hospitals we have earmarked for Veterans Administration at their request 11 have been transferred complete to the last scalpel," General Kirk announced. These 11 hospitals comprised 24,000 beds while the Medical Department was operating them. Because of a lack of sufficient personnel, the Veterans Administration at present is operating these hospitals at less than the above maximum capacity.

When three general hospitals housing paraplegic centers, McGuire at Richmond, Virginia; Birmingham at Van Nuys, California; and Vaughan at Hines, Illinois, were released to the Veterans Administration on April, 1946, special equipment for the treatment of the paraplegic patients remained in the hospitals in addition to the standard equipment turned over in all cases to the Veterans Administration. A part of this special equipment included wheel chairs, walking apparatus, special headphones for built-in radios and shop facilities used on training the patients who are paralyzed in the lower half of their bodies.

The treatment of the 700 patients in these centers continued uninterrupted despite the transfer of the hospital from Army to Veterans Administration. The patients received certificates of disability discharges from the Army and immediately be-



**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Of Army surplus hospital turned over to Veterans
Administration.**

came patients of the Veterans Administration without leaving their beds.

In addition to giving the Veterans Administration priority on any surplus Army hospital installations, the War Department plan also includes placing Medical Corps physicians, surgeons, nurses, technicians, orderlies and dieticians on temporary duty in Veterans Administration hospitals so that the care of the wounded may continue uninterrupted. Continuing, also, treatment to men considered enough improved to warrant their discharge from the Army, hospital staff have remained on duty until relieved by Veterans Administration personnel, to care for these veteran-patients who received their discharge upon the transfer of the hospital.

General Kirk in January, 1946, instructed commanding officers of hospitals to replace military personnel other than doctors and surgeons with civilian workers whenever possible. Thus, these civilians could transfer to Veterans Administration employ and insure smooth operation and care of patients when the hospital changed hands.

The Veterans Administration has also been authorized to place employees in Army hospitals to observe specialized professional techniques practiced by the Medical Department staffs.

More than 5,000 veterans have received treatment and care in Army hospitals after they received their

discharge. At present, approximately 2,030 veterans are receiving treatment under these conditions. This care will continue until the expanding medical program of the Veterans Administration is able to accommodate these patients.

In addition to providing care and treatment for veterans, the Army is also retaining the responsibility for the care of more than 3,000 tuberculosis patients. Normally, these men would have been discharged and released to Veterans Administration control. However, since the facilities for their best care are not available in Veterans Administration hospitals at present, the Army will continue its treatment of these patients until the Veterans Administration acquires the personnel necessary to bring the treatment level to that of both the Medical Department and the Veterans Administration.

Army hospitals also stand ready with out-patient treatment for veterans with service-connected disability in isolated areas or emergency cases where civilian hospital facilities are not immediately available. Out-patient treatment for veterans is also practiced in Puerto Rico, Alaska, and the Philippine Islands.

Several Army hospitals were erected by the Army with an eye toward future occupancy by the Veterans Administration. Both Vaughan and McGuire General Hospitals, housing paraplegic centers,

Philippine Nurses Visit Letterman

Visiting at Letterman on the last stop of a tour that took them to many parts of our country are two young ladies who hold commissions as nurses in the Philippine Army.

1st Lieut. Gregoria I. Espinosa and 1st Lieut. Benilda R. Costaneda have had more than their share of experiences in a world at war and they were sent to the United States on an observation tour to assist the Philippine Army in a role of peace.

The youthful lieutenants joined the staff of the army hospital at Fort William McKinley on 1 December 1941, and seven days later went to Ft. Stotsenberg to assist in the evacuation of patients to Sternberg General Hospital in Manila on the outbreak of the war. On 24 December they moved over to Bataan, and in April retreated with the U. S. forces to Corregidor. When the surrender took place on 6 May 1942 they were held as prisoners at Corregidor and later in Bilibid.

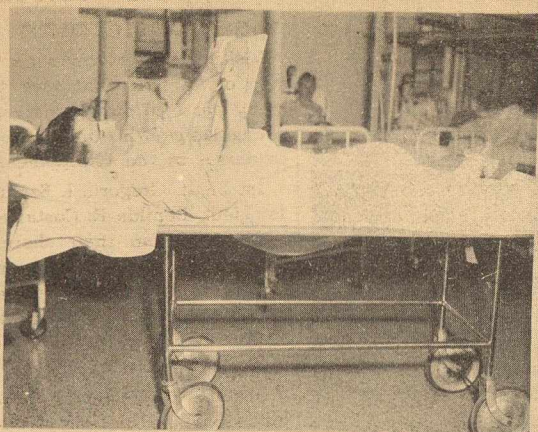
On their release they went into social service work and were helpful in the underground movement and on this tour of the United States they have met again many of the former prisoners whom they helped during the days of Japanese occupation.

Lieut. Espinosa is the Chief Nurse at General Hospital No. 1 in Manila and with Lieut. Costaneda plans to return at an early date.

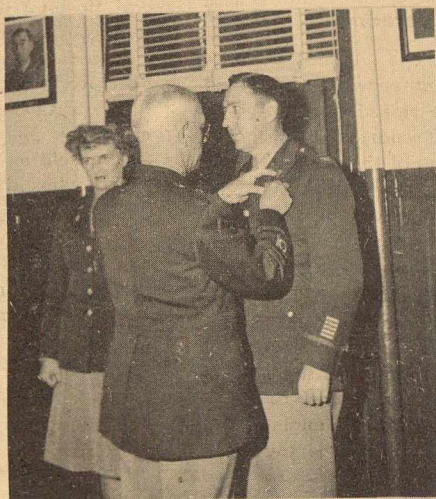
were constructed with this in mind. In fact, Vaughan General Hospital was erected upon Veterans Administration property. Although the wards and building were built according to Army specifications, they can be changed in minor aspects to fit Veterans Administration needs. Kitchens, mess halls and clinic rooms are a few of the features that vary.

The 11 General Hospitals which already have been released to the Veterans Administration with all equipment are: Ashburn, McKenney, Texas; Foster, Jackson, Mississippi; La Garde, New Orleans, Louisiana; Thayer, Nashville, Tennessee; Winter, Topeka Kansas; Birmingham, Van Nuys, California; Finney, Thomasville, Georgia; McCloskey, Temple, Texas; McGuire, Richmond, Virginia; Nichols, Louisville, Kentucky; and Vaughan, Hines, Illinois.

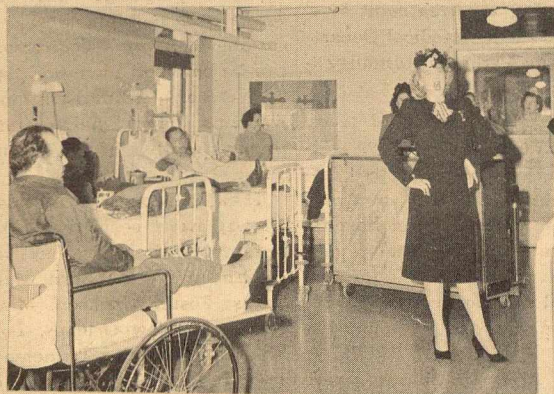
REALISTIC RESULTS OF ROVING 'ROUND RAMPS



Pfc. **RAYMOND E. DARRAH**
takes GED test lying down



MILITARY VALOR CROSS
is presented to Col. Kenneth F. Ernst,
Chief of Laboratory Branch by Brig.
Gen. C. C. Hillman.



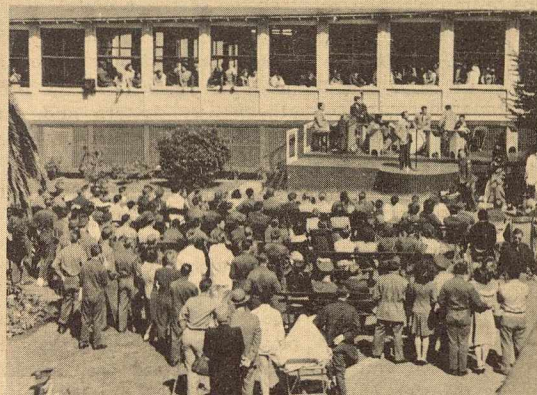
SAM HARRISON
is always on hand for entertaining features.
Mary Dee gives a performance from the
"Vagabond King"



OUR PHILIPPINE FRIENDS
and recent visitors to Letterman, Lieuts.
Gregoria Espinosa and Benilda Costaneda.



ON THE SUNNY SIDE
of the patio the camera catches Pfc.
Raymond Fieth



COPACABANA
entertainers make 'em look and laugh at
Letterman.

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EDITORIAL

Thomas A. Broderick

When death came, as it must to all men, to Major Thomas A. Broderick on Saturday morning last this command experienced a shock that was accompanied by a sense of personal loss.

Nature had endowed him with a personality which endeared him to us all. During the six years of his service at Letterman he had established a reputation for possessing a unique understanding of personal relations, and in addition to caring for the ills of the body he was often called upon to prescribe for the ills of the mind and heart.

His sympathetic approach to the varied problems presented by his patients and his legion of friends made him a very valuable asset to this hospital. He was a man who could be depended upon to help in the hour of need. He brought to his work a keen mind and professional skill that reflected honor on our staff.

The packed church at his funeral services was ample evidence of the place he held in our affections. The many manifestations of personal grief plainly told that a friend had crossed to the world beyond.

Of Major Thomas A. Broderick, physician, soldier, loyal friend, it may be truly said the world is poorer for his passing.



Miss Marguerite Krause, long time lieutenant dietitian here, coming back for a visit in a civilian ensemble that aroused pardonable envy among her friends still wearing o. d.

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Captain John B. Dillon sweating out receipt of orders sending him to the Separation Center at Beale—and the outside world.

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Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles F. McCuskey hurrying up from Los Angeles for a final tribute of respect to Major Broderick.

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Lieut. Lillian Girarde, Letterman "old timer" back from Burma and en route to Beale for re-assignment, which she hopes will be back here.

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Major General James L. Bradley, fighting commanding general of the famed 96th Division, fighting back to health after his recent operation.

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Miss Gloria Rich, Red Cross Field Director, en route to Philadelphia to attend the convention of the National American Red Cross as a representative from the Pacific Area section.

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Lieut. Colonel John T. Sherman, former control officer, leaving on a transfer to the School of Military Government at Carlisle Barracks.

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Mrs. Hilda Mansfield, recuperating from a hospital siege, and every one happy over her recovery.

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A ten per cent increase in P. X. prices but no increase in army pay.

The Stork Was Here

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Henry Pankey, a son, Charles Henry III, weight 8 pounds and 1 ounce, born 3 June.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Nelson Dunkle, a son, Clarence Nelson, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 5 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Benesh, a son, Kenneth Vance, Jr., weight 8 pounds and 14 1/4 ounces, born 6 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lee Lea, a son, Gerald Marvin, weight 4 pounds and 4 ounces, born 6 June.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. William J. Hershenow, a daughter, Margaret Ann, weight 9 pounds and 1 1/2 ounces, born 10 June.



Replacements for 760 Army nurses will sail from the West Coast before June for duty in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Saipan, Hawaii and other Pacific areas where American troops are stationed.

Army Nurse Corps members eligible for separation or rotation will be continually replaced but shipments will be smaller in the future. Thirty-five more Nurses will sail as replacements for the Panama Canal Zone and 12 to the Antilles later this month.

Some 57,000 nurses were on duty in the Army Nurse Corps in August, 1945. About 42,621 have been separated from the service.

Army nurses who have indicated their desire to be separated from the service as soon as possible are in "category 5." They are eligible for separation (1) if married (2) if over 30 years of age (3) if they have dependent children under 14 years of age (4) if they have 14 months active duty (5) if their adjusted service rating is 25 or more points.

That post-war Army nurse will be given every opportunity to be a specialist in every branch of her profession was indicated this month by the Surgeon General's announcement that a program of instruction in Psychiatric nursing would be established at the Brooke Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"The important part of the program," said Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Director of the Corps, "is that psychiatric nursing is to be made a part of the Army nurse's basic education. In time, it is hoped that every nurse who serves with the Army will have been given the opportunity to take the course, even though she does not remain in psychiatric hospitals. She will be a better nurse for having had the instruction.

For the first classes, however, preference will be given to nurses who are interested in psychiatric nursing as a specialty. These nurses are asked to volunteer immediately. The first class will open 14 June 1946. The course will run for eight months and twenty-five nurses will be entered in each class. Members of the Regular Army Nurse Corps or nurses in Category I and II are eligible.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, June 16, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Wedding Bells

M/Sgt. Opal G. Borders turned her furlough time into honeymoon time when she exchanged wedding vows with 1st Sgt. R. H. Glenn of the QM Car Company, Sixth Army on Tuesday, June 11th. The ceremony which took place in the Lakeside Chapel, San Francisco, was witnessed by a small group of friends.

Sgt. Borders has been Acting First Sergeant of the two WAC Companies of Letterman since January 14, 1946.

As Sgt. Glenn is with the Regular Army, the couple will make their home at Ft. Scott in the Presidio. Congratulations and best wishes, Sgt. and Mrs. Glenn!

Military Valor Cross Presented To Colonel Ernst

In a quiet ceremony in Commanding General C. C. Hillman's office this week, the Military Valor Cross was presented for the first time in the history of Letterman General Hospital to a duty officer. Colonel Kenneth F. Ernst, Chief of Laboratory Service, received the medal for "distinguishing himself by valor and a splendid spirit of self-sacrifice in the Italian Campaign."

At the same ceremony, Captain Ernestine L. Stephenson, WAC, was presented the Army Commendation Ribbon "for meritorious service as Commanding Officer of the 86th, 87th and 126 WAC Hospital Companies."

Hollywood (CNS)—The Armed Forces Radio Service, observing its 4th anniversary, received in a congratulatory wire from Secretary of War Patterson assurance that the broadcasting service would not be curtailed as long as occupation forces remain overseas.

WAC OF THE WEEK



RENA CATHERINE REGAS
Technician Fifth Grade

A twinkle in her eye, a heart of gold, and one of the most considerate girls in the WAC detachment is a description of auburn-haired Rena Regas. People who claim they 'haven't enough time' to accomplish anything should scan Rena's achievements and take another check of themselves.

Before this lass was 13 she had completed Grammar School and eight years of Greek. She worked her way through Textile High School and Jamaica High on Long Island by attending night classes and working during the day, majoring in costume designing.

From 1940-43 Rena was a member of the American Women's Hospital Reserve Corps and put in seven days a week of her free time to this organization. She worked up to a 1st Looney from a buck private . . . She had rifle practice, band practice, military drill, worked on hospital surgical supplies, was an oxygen technician, ambulance attendant, and participated in the Sunday parades besides doing nursing duties. At the same time she worked at the O & O Clothing Corporation and later with the Fairchilds Camera and Instrument Corporation. During '42-'43 she took on extra duties by being in charge of the Bond Drives at Queens!

Besides being a sharp bugler, Rena plays the piano beautifully by ear without ever taking a lesson, and also the Glockenspiel. (We didn't know it either! It's similar to a xylophone.)

Rena enlisted in the WACs in '45, received medical-surgical training at Fitzsimmons and went on to Kennedy General Hospital to study physiotherapy. Upon the receipt of her civilian papers, Rena will continue PT by attending a specialized school.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Although Hal Roman has left ward M-1 there is still a trace of him. He left behind him his favorite Petty drawings, and they aren't little! Life size dazzling creatures can be seen from one end of the ward to the other . . . thanks to Hal.

Among the many admirers of the Bantamweight Champion of the world, Manuel Ortiz, who were on hand to see him during his recent visit to Letterman were the Mexican-American Veterans. Manuel recently retained his title in a fight at the Civic Auditorium Monday night when he defeated Jackie Jurich of San Jose.

A ward party was given recently in F-1 for Raymond Feith who celebrated his birthday by indulging in cakes and having his picture taken in the patio. Congratulations, Ray! May you have many more. By the way, what did all the packages contain???

On D-1 Huey Ong's bed is empty for the first time in seventeen months. It's the first time he's been up in a wheel chair, and he's wheeling around like a veteran already. Need a siren, Huey?

Nervin Coburn of E-1 knows the days and dates, but only because of the eye-catching Petty calendar which adorns his corner of the ward. When last seen, Nervin was madly attempting to unbandage his cigarette lighter a visitor had so thoughtfully covered completely with adhesive tape!

Ward E-2 is watching expectantly for the first female visitor to high-heel it to the bed of that handsome patient, Robert Broadbent. So far his family from Oakland has always been on hand, but to date no heart interest.

Lucius Thornton of E-1, a recent transfer from Dibble has a ferocious looking wolf drawing on his bed post which screams "BEWARE THE WOLF." It's enough to make anyone retreat until he catches a glimpse of Lucius sound asleep looking like a peaceful dog instead!

Guess who's back on the bed-patient list . . . Donald Artimez now on E-2, who will no doubt soon be returning to his old profession of making up those popular yarn dogs and ducks. How about reserving a Scotty for the PRO, Don?

John McGough of M-1 is up and about on a gurney thus getting a choice view of the "Vagabond King"

cast as they entertained Tuesday afternoon.

Oogle is the latest find of Frank Soto of C-2. She's going to be the talk of the hospital, so to go into more detail, Oogle is a colored tap dancer suspended by strings who dances to the tune of whatever one's fingers can tap out. Pretty clever, Frank. Frank and Irvin Mannes are catching every girl as she dares to go in Ward C-2, putting her through a jumping rope routine, and will eventually let her dance with Oogle. Whata thrill! The boys are getting desperate for amusement!

With the arrival of those many Bushnell patients, it was just like "old home week" throughout Letterman Tuesday. Although word spread like wild fire as to who was here, everyone was coming across a familiar face they hadn't seen for ages and were pleasantly surprised!

Seen on the bulletin board of ward A-2 . . . "Any patients not out of bed by 0800 in the morning will make their own beds." Tch. Confoosin', this English language!

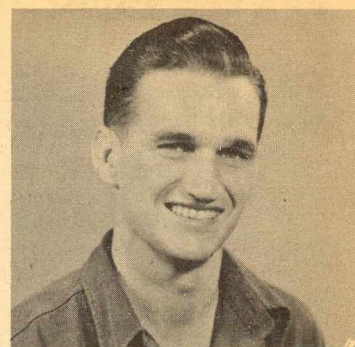
On D-1 Walter Haneberg is rapidly making flies for those prospective fishing trips when he's a civilian. Walt is a first sergeant, was with the 99th Infantry Division, and a lot of his men are also patients here . . . only they are up and he's down . . . Wonder if his insurance has increased??

Everyone took time out to goldbrick to the tune of sweet sentimental tunes by Eddie Fitzpatrick's band in the patio this week. The lawn was covered by red suits sprawled in horizontal positions, and everyone's eyes took on a dreamy-far-away look.

Ball Game News

The bats were swinging at full speed for the Letterman Girl's Softball Team as they stole their eighth game last Tuesday night, which totals a victory of eight out of nine games this season. Under the bright lights of Camp Stoneman's ball park, the Letterman Girl's team were victors to the tune of 14 runs to Stoneman's 10. With the season just begun, the team has excellent chances of taking cups if they continue to home-run it. Members of the team are: Eleanor Eaton, Ann Newton, Beverly White, Helen Spizcko, Mary Hart, Francis Hartman, May Bonge, Teresa DeDominicis, Betty Ryan, and Aurel Krueger.

ON THE SPOT



DENNY "TEX" LEONARD
Sergeant

Denny "Tex" Leonard is known throughout his ward as a Yankee Texan. Unture to form, Tex prefers any place to Texas.

After graduating from Pampa High School in Texas, he joined the Army by request in January, 1943, and took his basic training at . . . guess where . . . Camp Swift, Texas.

On December 10th of '43, Tex escaped the Lone Star State and headed for North Africa. Iran, Casa Blanca, Liverpool, and several parts of France were just a few of the places Tex saw before being wounded in Belgium. He returned to the United States on April 4, 1945.

Tex was very fond of his fascinating but risky job . . . demolition man with the 82nd Engineers. The life of a patient in an army hospital is far removed from his past dangerous tasks, and to watch him strum his guitar on ward 42 one would never guess how many narrow escapes he had before forgetting to dodge.

One of the unexpected dangers occurred when he was enjoying the rare peace of the traveler en route. While anchored three miles out of Iran a mine broke lose during the night and hit the Liberty ship separating him and the water. The separation was gone . . . and "was that water cold!" "It was rather calm that night," he recalls. "I mean that water!"

For recreation he looks toward fishing trips in the Canadian River, ball games, riding, swimming, hunting, and mystery stories. But ambition is there as well as the out-door life, and post-hospital days will find him attending Texas State Teachers College to become a CPA. Immediately after school, no doubt he'll abandon the Texas dust for a more desirable spot!

WAC

By Bette Byers

The NCO Club picnic last Sunday was enjoyed by many WACs who joined the detachment men as they met at the Club and rolled away in several buses to San Rafael. The picnic was held at McNear's Landing where the gang played baseball, football, danced to the tunes of a little orchestra taken from the 6th Army band, and munched constantly on the picnic lunch. What is a picnic without beer?? . . . Well, it just isn't, so even the beer was supplied and everyone returned very sunburned and happy . . . with not a nickel spent! The NCO Club really does things in style!

T/5 Mary Jones sits at her desk in the isolated band-box barracks and beams! The reason . . . a bright new mailbox complete with pigeon holes and lock. It's the final touch which signifies that the occupants are definitely settled in their new home!

NEWS to category signers . . . As of the 28th of May any enlisted WAC or WAC officer who is eligible for discharge by marriage regardless of what category she has signed can be immediately discharged upon application.

Our belated wedding congratulations are extended to Pfc. Dorothy LaPoint who took the name of Mrs. Rene Metivier on the 1st of June in the Post Chapel. T/4 Lillian Kallatsa was the Maid of Honor, and Pfc. Arthur O'Brien the Best Man as Cpl. Jamie Baker gave the bride away. In March Rene became a civilian after serving 20 months overseas with the Navy. After three days honeymooning, the couple were "at home" in San Francisco.

On the 7th of June Sgt. Hazel Ormord added Mrs. to her name in the Presidio Chapel. Michael Senti is the lucky man, an ex-T/4 with the Sixth Army overseas. Cpl. Pauline Harvell and Ernest Salazar were the Maid of Honor and Best Man. The couple are spending eight days at lovely Brookdale Lodge before making their home in New York.

This week we welcome T/3 Thelma Atchison from Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, and T/3 Barbara Strauss from Camp Beale to our detachment. Barbara has already been assigned to social work in the Neuropsychiatric Section.

MARY A. HIGGINS FROM BROOKLYN TO CHUNGKING AND THE BRONZE STAR



T/Sgt. MARY A. HIGGINS
has seen Calcutta, Chungking, and Shanghai

After living in Brooklyn all her life, Mary Higgins joined the WAACs in January '43 and began one of the most interesting courses of travel offered to a woman soldier. After completing basic and Army Administration School at Daytona Beach, Florida, she was immediately sent to Hamilton Field where her secretarial ability led her to the job of secretary to the Adjutant and later that of base Sergeant Major. In June '44 she left for overseas from Camp Patrick Henry, Newport News, Virginia. Mary had the rare opportunity of being sent off by two relatives, although overseas departures were top secret information, for her brother and sister were army personnel of that post.

Mary reached her station, Hastings Mill . . . 18 miles north of Calcutta on August 10th '44, and was assigned to the very important task of secretary to Chief of Staff of the AAF. On August 3, '45 she was assigned to Chungking and continued in the same capacity, later becoming secretary to the Commanding

General of the AAF China Theater, Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer. Shanghai was her last assignment overseas.

One of the outstanding recollections of her travels is the few days she spent at Darjeeling Rest Camp, 7,000 miles up in the Himalays because it was such a contrast to the heat and bustle of Calcutta. In that beautiful setting Mary "rode horses, drank tea, climbed mountains, drank tea, and drank more tea."

During the rioting celebration of V-J Day, Mary was in Chungking. At first the Chinese were dumbfounded . . . couldn't understand why the Americans were making such a fuss . . . later realizing victory, put on the biggest parade of dragons, fire crackers, etc., that the Orient ever witnessed. Mary celebrated by drinking fruit juice!!

She returned to the U.S. in December '45, and was a civilian for all of two months. At this time she was secretary to the NBC program manager in Radio City, New York. She re-enlisted because "7,668,000

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

The detachment Bingo Party Thursday night could be called a howling success. What are you going to do with the nylons, fellows? A special orchid to T/Sgt. Jack Lavelle and S/Sgt. Martin Newcome, club stewards and their crew for the part they played in the organization of the party.

Pvt. Melvin Schiller of the Receiving Office left Wednesday for "Sealy" deep in the heart of Texas for 23 long days.

Pfc William Hill of the Record Room also left this week for the other end of the country. Twenty-one days in Butte, Montana. Have fun Bill!

Pvt. Calvin Rogers returned from furlough this week and went back to work in Medical Supply. Glad to be back, Rogers?

Cpl. Seth Allen is also back from furlough and crying many a tear at having to work again. Whata shame!

Pvts. Lloyd Woodbury and Jimmy Bernhard, General Hillman's chauffeurs, were seen enjoying the sun outside of the motor pool. It's a hard life, boys.

Sgt. Leo Gutzman of the Detachment Office took advantage of the GED tests and is sweating out two years of college credits. Those tests are terrific, aren't they Sarge?

Have all you unlucky walking people noticed that beautiful maroon Packard Clipper "piloted" by Pvt. Wesley Lim of Information and Education? How did you do it, Lim?

Five men took that fateful step this week and became members of the Regular Army: William Preston, Clayton Harmes, Felix Gregorcyk, Roy Muto, and Walter Henson. Keep plugging fellows, thirty years aren't so long they tell me!).

people were all trying to get into the same place at the same time." And Mary always was in the middle of the mob. Now she finds her seclusion in the Medical Supply office at Letterman.

"Oh, by the way," said Mary, "would you be interested to know that I received the bronze star while in Chungking for the period spent in India and China?" A very modest person, this intelligent and very attractive Mary!

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

One would have guessed last Friday after viewing the long line at the Presidio (Bldg. 87) that nylons, butter, or some other scarce article was on sale, but that long long trail a'winding was leading to the Civil Service Examinations to be held that day.

At last summer weather has arrived, and it was an incentive for many to forget their chores at home and leave the city. Frances Perry from the laundry accompanied by her son basked in the sun over at Lake Temescal across the Bay. Robert and Emily Bement, with friends, took their initial trip over to Muir Woods on a picnic. Fishing was included in the outing, but "Bob" has no fish stories. The sun kissed face on Marjorie Jones of "Information please" was acquired over at the coast, Moss Beach. Idella Kotler, from the Dental Branch, with her husband took in the beauties of Yosemite Valley, returning Tuesday.

OUR WELCOMES TO: Joe Miller and James Farrar transfers from Bushnell General Hospital, instructors, and George Christensen on duty in the Orthopedic Shop. From "Deep in the Heart of Texas" to the Civilian Personnel Branch hails Lila St. Peter, a long way from home. From Dibble General Hospital transfers Relda Teague resuming his duties as technician in the Dental Laboratory and commuting daily from Menlo Park. Also from Dibble Hospital, and you can find her in the Surgical Branch, is Lila Sanders whose round trip each day is to Burlingame.

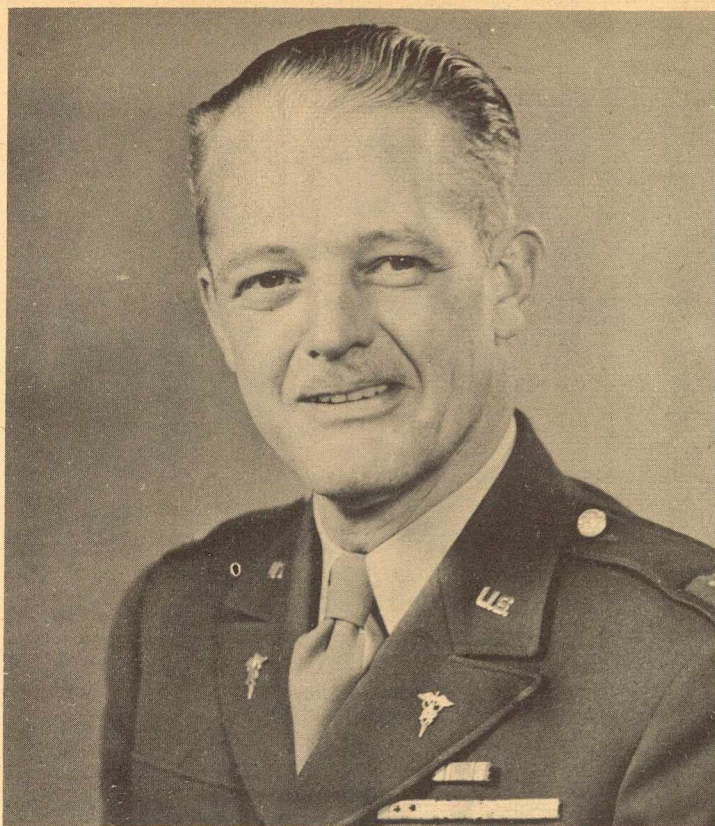
Kathryn Hatt from the laundry leaves Monday for her home in Montana with great anticipation of seeing her family. A wonderful trip and a real good visit Kathryn!

Noticed: that proud look on "Ace" Guth as she lunched with her two daughters, Leatrice and Lenore, Monday in the PX Grill.

We suspect Esther Grobler of Civilian Personnel is getting all the swimming and sun bathing she can while spending a few days with her mother and father at Russian River.

Mary McFadden of Public Relations has quite a program outlined for her vacation this week.

STATION COMPLEMENT COMMANDER CAUTIONS CARE ON TALL TALES



Major WILLIAM G. WHITTAKER, MAC
New Commanding Officer of Station Complement

One of the pleasant surprises a man gets occasionally in this army is to report to a new command for duty and discover a buddy from a former station. That happened here when Major William G. Whittaker signed in at Letterman and found Lieutenant Colonel William L. Beswick just about to become the Executive officer of the command. The major and the colonel had fought it all out before for many moons 'way down under.

Major Whittaker, who took over command of the newly created station complement here, is really an old soldier and his service dates back to 1920 when he enlisted in the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston. He stayed with the troops for five years and then switched over to the National Guard of Michigan to keep his hand in matters military while making a living as a civilian in the radio business in Detroit.

Came the expansion of the army in 1940 and the major again became a soldier but he was then a captain. He landed in Australia early in the war days and stayed there for three

years, and in between times he managed to court and win the present Mrs. Whittaker in August 1944.

The major asked for a station in California and hoped it would be San Francisco for the reason that Mrs. W. did not feel so far from home when she could look out on the broad Pacific and feel her native land was just a mere hop over that ocean. With that well known solicitude the War Department gave orders for the major to report to Letterman and that made everyone happy and contented.

We must not infer that life is a bed of roses for the major. He is the man who hands out the ratings and everyone is after him all the time on that score. Not so long ago we put the "bite" on him along that line—so we know.

One of the advantages of having Major Whittaker here is that we can check up on some of the tall tales told by Colonel Beswick about that land down under—and perhaps you have noticed our executive officer indulges in longer periods of silence in the recent past.

Ah, well—

DANTE ANTICS

Colonel Charles Gill has taken over ward 302 while Colonel Ray Currie is on a well earned leave.

Colonel Mack M. Green, Chief of Medical Service, has recently returned from leave.

Herman and Morris Riess, our twins on 303, have resumed their daily visits to the sun porch after long weeks spent indoors.

T/5 Walter Craines, ward 301, has returned from an emergency furlough to Los Angeles where his brother is recuperating from a serious illness.

T/5 Everett Johanson returned Tuesday from a camping trip to advise all his associates on the glories of sleeping under the stars and on how to cook that fish that didn't get away.

With the closing of Dante drawing near, and more and more of our friends being transferred away, this place we have called "home" for so many months has taken on a rather gloomy aspect . . . so it's always a pleasant surprise when a former patient is transferred back for a few days. It's awfully nice to see Roland Simpson and Dale Yoos around the halls again.

Could someone explain why Arthur Vasquez on ward 303 has that little dog anchored so firmly to his radio??

We will miss Deloris Dailey, now Mrs. John Maida, when she leaves this week to make her home in San Jose.

Wilfred Stephenson, Frank Vitallo, and George Cherry will be leaving for Camp Beale and discharge very soon.

Major Roland Darr left Friday for reassignment at Camp Beale.

Lt. Sherold Adams has a very interesting collection of foreign coins.

I understand that Sgts. Blanche Pierce and Ruth Zimmer have taken up horse-back-riding. That probably accounts for the lound groans heard lately.

Royce Brier, columnist of a local paper and Pulitzer prize winner, has a new book, "Western World." In it, he depicts the history and development of our western civilization from 1400 to the atomic bomb, with a view to explaining why we are inevitably in our present situation. Sounds formidable, but is written with such pungency and sparkle that the heaviness of subject matter disappears in engrossing interest. Not a long book—give your brains a workout on it? In the Library.

R.O.T.C. To Commission 25,000 Officers Yearly

Washington (CNS)—Plans for a Reserve Officer Training Corps program designed to provide 25,000 to 30,000 commissioned reserve officers a year were revealed by Brig. Gen. J. S. Bradley, chief of the War Department's General Staff training group.

Based on a 3-month study by the War Dept. the proposed program includes a number of innovations, including choice of branch of service by each student; 8-week summer camps in the advanced course; and daily monetary allowances.

Reporting that in the past only 1 out of every 8 students who started the 4-year ROTC course has completed it, Gen. Bradley said it is planned, through careful screening of applicants and other methods, to increase this ratio, thereby reducing the per capita cost of training ROTC officers.

The War Department also will seek to attract the best available officer material by improving the quality of instructors and teaching methods.

In the senior program, designed for the college level, the Army is seeking a daily ration allowance of 66 cents a day for ROTC students during the 4-year academic period and for the time spent in summer camp. In the advanced course, covering the last 2 years, the students also would get a daily allowance of \$1.25, but would have to buy their own uniforms.

Under the present system, students are automatically commissioned in the branch of service assigned to a particular ROTC unit, but under the new program each student could choose the branch he preferred. Candidates then would get the necessary specialized training in the summer camp operated by their branch.

Ordnance Experts Working On Armor for Infantrymen

Washington (CNS)—A light, flexible body armor for infantry soldiers, sufficiently resistant to stop low velocity shell fragments, is the goal of Army Ordnance.

A successful armor for Air Force combat crews was developed during the war. They were first worn in 1943 and impressive results were obtained. The Army revealed that 18% of AAF personnel wearing body armor were killed and 13% wounded, as compared with 36% killed and 64% wounded among personnel not so equipped.

Army Recruiting K-9s

Washington (CNS)—To fill the depleted ranks of the K-9 Corps, the Army will pay up to \$150 each for pure bred German Shepherd males between one and three-and-a-half years of age.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. Members of the Writing Workshop are full of anticipation these days. The Executive Secretary of the San Francisco USO is more than eager to use his contacts to market the best articles, stories, poems written by members of this Workshop. Patients interested in the improvement of any sort of writing skill should contact Miss Logi, the instructor, in Bldg. 1039 from 1200-1300 Mon., Wed. and Fri. This group of budding authors meets in 1049 classroom 1, Mon., Wed and Fri. at 1400.

2. This column accepts with modest blushes T/5 Florence Wyfe's most complimentary remarks about the news contained herein. "Feefee, who is attached to WAC Personal Affairs Office, maintains she reads "Reconditioning Says" the very first thing when she gets her weekly "Fog Horn" copy.

3. At long last, two Adding Machines have been received and set up in 1049, Room 1! "First come, first served," means you'd better sign up at once (if you are interested), for instruction and practice time.

4. San Francisco and the Bay Area Summer School and Fall semester offerings are many and varied this year. Ambulatory patients interested in higher education, will find further information by calling No. 4403 or coming down to Bldg. 1039.

5. The LGH Concert Orchestra began its rehearsals last week playing compositions by Victor Herbert and Johann Strauss. There are still vacancies in the brass and string instrument sections. Patients and duty personnel are urged to participate in this musical activity. Instruments are available for rehearsals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1300 in the Rec. Hall. For further information, contact Harriet Baken or Sgt. Shortz in Bldg. 1039 or via extension 4184.

6. Lt. David Shaw, head of counselling section states with considerable satisfaction, that his staff includes full time vocational advisers and V. A. rehabilitation specialists. Instead of being scheduled here only part time several days a week, as is the case in many other hospitals, these experts are constantly on duty throughout the day, and available to all LGH patients, afoot or abed.

Eisenhower Brands War Talk "Vicious"

Chicago (CNS)—Predictions of a future war were branded as "vicious" talk by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in an address before the National Convention of the Reserve Officers Association.

"Veterans will work and sweat and sacrifice to prevent the recurrence of such a tragedy," the General said, adding: "Anyone who now discusses the possibility of war is doing the whole world a disservice."

The Army Chief of Staff pointed out, though, that until the United Nations is able to guarantee international peace, the United States must stay in a position to "guard well its own security."

"We need a deeper realization by all our people that the continuing peace of the world depends in a large measure on the strength of the United States and its ability to carry out its international commitments," he said.

Attacking the tendency on the part of critics to ignore the Army's achievements and to over-emphasize alleged faults and weaknesses within it, Gen. Eisenhower asserted: "We acknowledge need for correction. Neither human nor human organizations can be perfect. But need for correction does not warrant or excuse criticism inspired either by ignorance, or, even worse, an intent to discredit an instrument of the people that has, at least once in every generation, stood between those people and disaster."

News From Home

Atchison, Kan. (CNS)—A. S. Matthias has a cigarette lighter that lights—in a big way. He left the lighter on the lower sash of a window in his home. A member of the family raised the window and the lighter snapped open, setting the house on fire. Firemen extinguished the blaze before much damage was done.

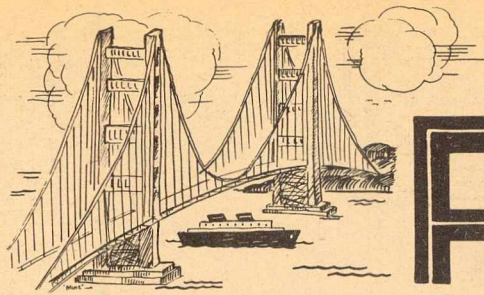
Syracuse (CNS)—John A. Fella, seeing a 9-year-old boy plunge into Hiawatha Lake on a bicycle, rescued him by diving into the lake fully clothed. He balked, however, when several children who witnessed the rescue asked him to dive in again after the "bike." The children themselves recovered the bicycle.

Denver (CNS)—The so-called white penny is fast disappearing, according to Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the U.S. Mint. The government is not calling in the coins, but "they are eliminating themselves because they wear out quickly," she said.

Washington (CNS)—Periodic weather observation flights in the North Polar regions will be made by converted B-29s based in Alaska. The polar regions are vitally important as they lie athwart the shortest route between North America and Europe.



"Please believe me, m'am, I like my morale exactly as it is!"



LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL FOG HORN

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Letterman Will Remain in Present Presidio Location

Letterman General Hospital will remain in its present location at the Presidio of San Francisco, it was decided this week in Washington. For some time the possibility of moving the hospital has been discussed, but word has been received from the Office of the Surgeon General that this will not be done.

Dibble General Hospital, which had been discussed as a possible site for Letterman, has been acquired by Stanford University, and will be used to house veteran students and their families.

One of the oldest Army general hospitals now in commission, Letterman has served as a debarkation hospital through three wars—the Spanish-American, World War I and World War II. It is one of ten Army general hospitals in the United States, and was organized in 1898 to receive troop casualties from the Philippine insurrection.

It was then known as an Army General Hospital, and had a capacity of 500 beds. The plan for the hospital, drawn by a San Francisco architect, was patterned after the L'Oratoire of Paris.

In 1908 the hospital was named Letterman, in commemoration of Dr. Jonathan Letterman, Army Surgeon, who was Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.

In 1917-18, Letterman was a debarkation hospital for overseas garrisons in the Pacific.

During World War II, again as a debarkation hospital for veterans returning from Pacific areas, Letter-



Brig. Gen. RAYMOND W. BLISS, U.S. ARMY
Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, who tarries here over the weekend while en route to Bikini and the big bomb burst.

man took care of a peak load of 72,000 patients during a single year. Last November, following the close of hostilities, the hospital was designated as a definitive treatment hospital.

Letterman has grown from its original 500-bed capacity to 3500. This includes a debarkation unit of approximately 800 beds.

The hospital specializes in neurol-

ogy, neurosurgery, radium therapy and deep X-ray treatments. It is an amputee center and a neuropsychiatric center.

The Hospital Train Unit, located at Crissy Field, is responsible for transporting patients to other Army hospitals throughout the United States. Patients are evacuated in hospital cars, Pullman cars and occasionally in buses.

To Get Notice Of Regular Army Appointments Soon

More than 100,000 applications for Regular Army commissions have been received by the War Department. Of these, 97,550 active cases approximately 9,400 officers will be appointed, making the chances of an applicant approximately one in ten. There were approximately 23,000 applicants for 2,900 vacancies in ground arms; 59,000 applicants for 4,000 vacancies in air forces; 27,000 applicants for 2,400 technical and administrative services vacancies.

The War Department proposes to announce the names of successful applicants on or about July 1, provided the senate confirms the nomination list on June 28. After appointments are made, the eligible list remaining will be utilized if an additional increase in Regular Army strength is authorized.

The War Department will ask congress for an additional increase in Regular Army strength prior to July 1. If this increase is authorized, it is planned that the opportunity for application will again open and new applicants, when processed, will be placed on the eligible list remaining from the current program. Additional appointments will then be made from the combined list.

All applicants have been requested to keep the War Department informed by airmail of their contemplated address on July 1. This is urgent, in order to insure prompt notification and acceptance.

War Department Announces Plans for Return of War Dead

Final plans have been completed by the War Department for the immense task of transporting thousands of United States war dead from their overseas burial places to the homeland. Under the program, as outlined in detail by Washington, next of kin will have the option of:

1. Having remains interred in a permanent American Military Cemetery overseas.

2. Having remains returned to the U. S. for interment in a National Cemetery near their homes, at no cost to the family.

3. Returning the deceased to the U. S. for burial by the family in a private cemetery. Shipment will be made to any designated point. The Government will pay \$50 toward the local interment expenses and bear all cost of shipment.

4. Burying the remains in a foreign country, provided it is the homeland of the deceased. Shipment to a foreign country is dependent upon the U. S. being able to obtain entry.

The War Department has appealed to all kin who received notice of the death of a relative overseas to inform them if they have since changed their address.

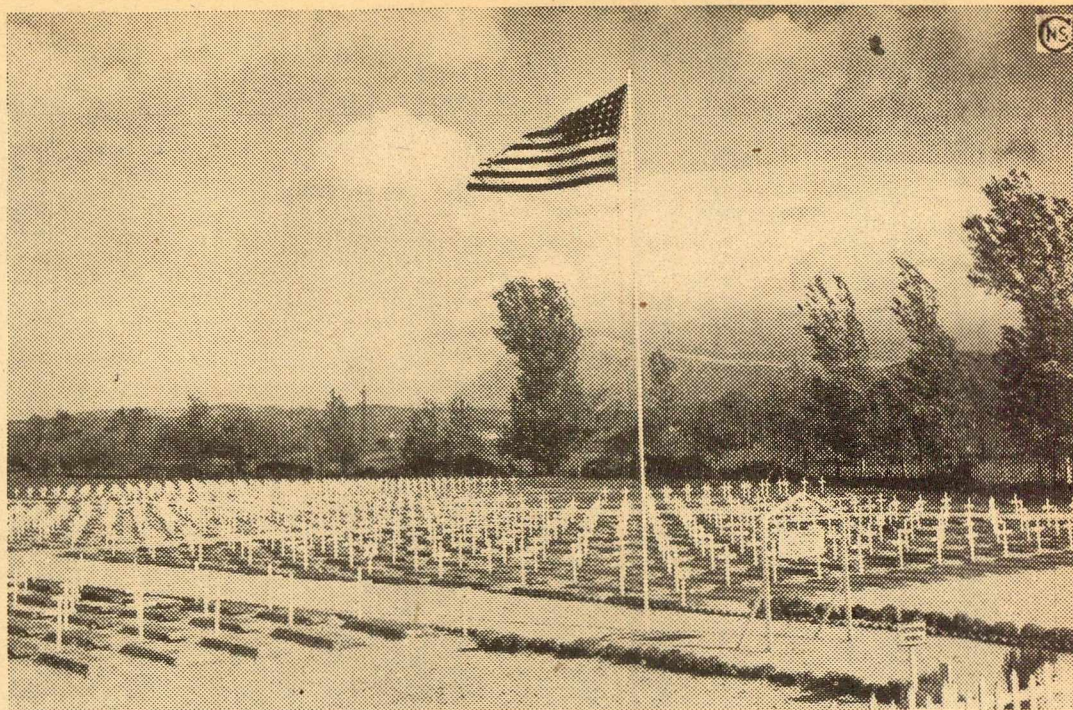
The success of the burial program is dependent upon getting information from next of kin of deceased personnel regarding their wishes for final burial.

The Graves Registration Service, a unit of the Quartermaster Corps, is charged with handling the burial program.

The cost of return and final burial is estimated to be between \$195,000,000 and \$215,000,000. Congress requires that the task be completed within five years, but Maj. Gen. T. B. Larkin, the Quartermaster General, anticipates that it can be completed in much less time.

First bodies to be returned will not arrive until this fall because of a steel shortage, which has affected casket makers. The War Department has been informed that caskets ordered for July will not be ready until three months later. The program was to have started in July, with the Graves Registration Service planning evacuation of the Pearl Harbor dead from Hawaii.

Caskets to be manufactured are to be seamless steel and hermetically sealed. At peak production the



One of Our Well-Kept Military Cemeteries Abroad

War Department will receive 25,000 per month.

Many thousands of World War II bodies are unrecoverable. Thousands were lost at sea, beach landing, plane crashes over enemy territory, etc. Searches for graves are still in progress, however. It is estimated that of the 328,000 reported dead, there are 75,000 whose bodies are unrecoverable.

The War Department's plans contemplate the return of all World War II unknown dead, but one will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery beside the Unknown Soldier of World War I. The body may be that of a soldier, sailor or marine.

It is estimated that there are 30,980 additional burial places to be located. The 29 cemeteries in the India-Burma area are to be concentrated into two, the 206 in the Pacific into 33, and the 26 in the Africa-Middle East Zone into 20.

All personnel who were killed or died after sickness in Germany and whose bodies were buried either in temporary military cemeteries or private burial grounds there have been removed and reinterred in Luxembourg or France.

Transportation problems have been ironed out by the Transporta-

tion Corps. Remains, accompanied by escorts, will arrive at the port by rail or truck. During movement, flags will be displayed on the caskets at all times. Handling and storage will be done with dignity.

For the transportation from overseas, the Transportation Corps will furnish modified Liberty Ships, Tank Carriers with a 6500 capacity, and Plane Carriers with a 7000 capacity. Ships will be painted white and circled from bow to stern with a wide purple band.

From ports of entry the distribution of remains will be decentralized eastward and westward through these 13 Distribution Points. Seattle, Mira Loma, Calif., Ogden, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Kansas City, Memphis, Chicago, Columbus, Schenectady, Philadelphia, Charlotte and Atlanta. Shipment will be in reconverted hospital cars.

The remains will travel under escort at all times, and from Distribution Points to the final resting place will be under individual military or other appropriate escort.

Next of kin are urged not to write the War Department for information, other than to send in change of address. Details will be mailed at the appropriate time, according to a War Department spokesman.

More Than 25,000 California Vets Now in School

A total of 25,271 Northern California veterans are enrolled in school or are taking on-the-job training, an increase of 10,747 during May alone, Colonel Thomas J. Cross, Veterans Administration chief here, reported this week.

The number of veterans in education and training status in California, Arizona and Nevada totaled 58,791 on May 31 as compared with 20,949 at the end of March.

The majority of the veterans in school or in training are in California. Southern California has 29,723, Arizona 2,868 and Nevada 929.

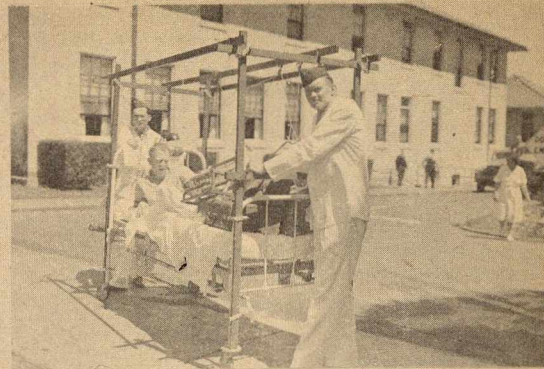
Certificates of eligibility to attend school or take job training issued by VA offices in the three-state area now total 175,140 as compared with 155,149 on April 30.

During May the San Francisco VA office received 4,245 new disability compensation claims and adjudicated 14,522. Pending disability claims now total 20,255, as compared with 29,926 at the end of April.

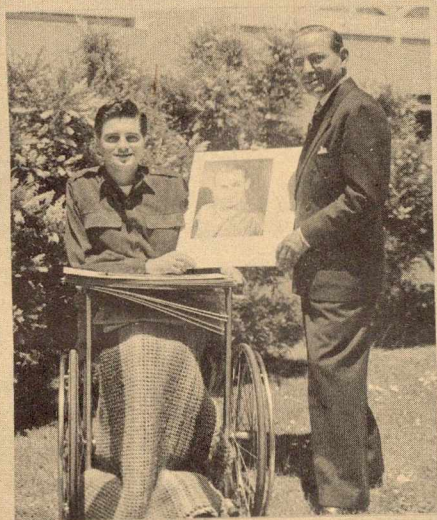
Sunny Day Scenes Caught by the Camera at Letterman



Longing for Hawaiian Sunshine



Moving Day



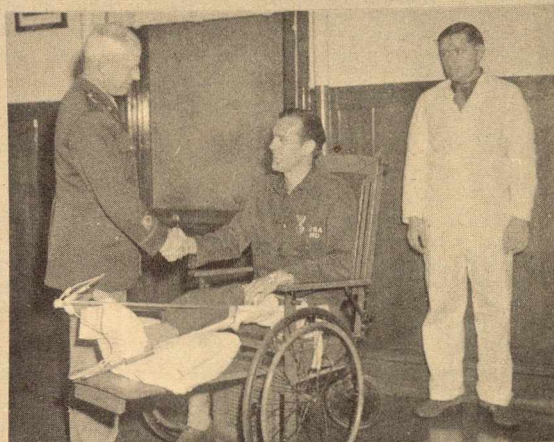
The Kopperels, Jr. and Sr.



Posing for a Magazine Cover



Lt. Holland Gets Commendation Ribbon



S-Sgt. Brookes Receives Purple Heart

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EDITORIAL

NEW RACKET

In a recent issue of the "Army & Navy Register," there appeared an excerpt from a reader in which he called attention to what amounts to a new "racket".

According to the writer, some retired officers, "including one full colonel" who have been placed on the retired list with retired pay for life, are drawing unemployment allowances from the U. S. Employment Service on the basis of being unemployed.

A query by the "Register" to the Veterans Administration elicited the reply that nothing in the G. I. Bill of Rights precluded a retired officer from drawing unemployment allowance under the provisions of that law. Some one with a knowledge of the law discovered that loop-hole and crawled through to get the benefit intended for those genuinely out of work and possibly out of other income.

It is safe to assume that the Congress never intended to include retired officers in those to benefit by unemployment allowances. The Congress had dealt very liberally with that particular group of veterans by reserving retirement to officers and a mere discharge to enlisted men.

It is also safe to assume that the retired officers who are also drawing unemployment allowances are the type who have brought so much discredit upon the officers by their dis-

WAC

Promotions are again being passed out, the following members of the 86th WAC Hospital Company are on the "good news" list: Mary Hart, from T/4 to S/Sgt.; Ruth Batt, from T/Sgt. to T/3; Kathleen Coffin, from T/5 to T/4; Ona Hodnett for T/5 to T/4; and Ethel Lee, from T/5 to T/4. Congratulations are now in order.

The official report that WACs who have 21 months service are eligible immediately for discharge is now in the hands of authorities. This affects only 12 girls attached to Letterman, and they will be "out" by 30 June, or will sign to stay in the Corps. Once again the counting on fingers has resumed and conversations start with "The first thing I'm going to do when I get out is . . ."

T/3 Thelma Atchison arrived last week from Bushnell, and has been assigned to the Brace Shop. Thelma spells it like the "Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe," and she's from Alabama, and you can tell!

Nine girls who can carry out those plans about the first thing they'll do when they get out received their discharges this week, and the list is completely composed of T/5s: Mary Schultz, Willa Hoffman, Christine Vickery, Odessa Trescott, Dorothy Frost, Mary Mahoney, Vera Eastman, Audrey Cunningham and Gertrude McKelvey. Hope those plans work out!

Carrying on with the T/5s, two arrived this week from Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver—Marjorie Guerrero and Mildred Haglund.

Three glowing sunburns worn by members of the WAC detachment testify to attendance at the Reconditioning Section picnic held last Sunday at Golden Gate Park. T/Sgt. Mary Liles, T/Sgt. Margaret Hollowed and T/5 Jane Pope are the proud owners of the sunburns, and they report that the occasion was nothin' but fun!

torted ideas of what it means to be an officer. Their action reflects unfavorably upon the great majority of officers in the public mind.

These "racketeers" should have their names published and broadcast to the country, and the Congress should take corrective measures to prevent further distortion of its intention.



Two dozen new arrivals swelled the ANC ranks at Letterman during the past week, with 15 from Dibble General Hospital, four from Bushnell, two from Oakland Regional, and one each from Gardner General Hospital in Chicago and Crile General Hospital in Cleveland.

From Dibble came 1st Lieuts. Mary E. Leahy, Vivian E. Robinson and Mary Small, and 2d Lieuts. Mary L. Coyle, Ruth E. Heikura, Elizabeth H. Hurless, Dorothy Jakobowski, Laundie E. Klester, Violet E. Klein, Clara M. F. Mankiewicz, Frances L. Peters, Lola Prestwich, Gertrude J. Schneider, Mary E. Uhlenburg, Anna Vischansky.

Here from Bushnell are 2d Lieuts. Fabiola S. Aragon, Jeanne D. Finnis, Madeline T. Passadori, Emma F. Taylor and Betty Rhoades. The two from across the Bay at Oakland Regional are 2d Lieuts. Dorothy E. Dyas and Helen R. Hynds. Capt. Ruth M. Christiansen came from Gardner, and Capt. Cecelia D. Romeyn from Crile. Letterman extends a hearty welcome to the newcomers.

Among the nurses who are trading ODs for spring ensembles is 1st Lieut. Nina P. Brandt, now bound for Camp Beale. Lieut. Brandt has been on duty at Letterman since October 1941.

Capt. Virginia C. Sanderson is on leave enjoying Spring in New England at her home in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Capt. Mary K. Cuppy recently celebrated her tenth anniversary with the Army Nurse Corps, and made it a double celebration because of the arrival of a new nephew. Capt. Cuppy is studying voice, and some of her close associates have already been given the privilege of hearing her beautiful soprano.

Col. Rosalie Calhoun, formerly at Fort Douglas, Utah, is now with headquarters, Sixth Army.

Lieut. Claire Egan is on leave, and went all the way home to Newport, Rhode Island.

Maj. Anne A. Benton, whose sister is here visiting her, is on leave, and she and her sister plan to spend time at both Yosemite and Carmel.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, June 23, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Win Phone Calls

Two patients won long distance phone calls home and three others received merchandise orders on local department stores at Fathers' Day party held last week in the Recreation Center. The prizes were presented by the Unity Women of the B'Nai B'rith Lodge of San Francisco, and were given for family snapshots in four classes.

The phone calls were won by Pfc. Henry L. Harrison of Ward F-1 and Pvt. Harvey Mead of Ward 8. Harrison had the best candid shot of a family group, a picture of his wife and two children, and Mead's picture of his son, Michel Allen, won the award for a picture of the baby with curliest hair. Both patients phoned home—Harrison to Roanoke, Virginia, and Mead to Nebraska City, Nebraska.

The three merchandise orders went to M/Sgt. Luther Oleson, Ward K-3, for a candid shot of his daughter Karen Joan; Pvt. Frank Vaille, Ward K-3, for a candid shot of his daughter Nancy Mae, and T/3 Bob Bernal, for a picture of his three-week old daughter Cheryl.

Wedding Bells

Pvt. Shirley Johnson of the WAC Detachment became the bride of Pfc. William Ply, patient on Ward 28, on Sunday, 16 June, in the Letterman chapel. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Captain) Herman N. Benner. T/Sgt. James Robbins was best man and T/5 Helen Cline was maid of honor. Following the wedding a reception for friends of the couple was held at the Recreation Hall, after which the happy pair left for a brief honeymoon. Their many friends at the hospital wish them every happiness.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ROSE A. SILVERMAN
Technician Fifth Grade

With the announcement of the unforgettable attack on Pearl Harbor on a peaceful Sunday morning in the United States, Rose A. Silverman felt an uncontrollable desire to join the service. Unlike many of us in the United States, Rose knew of the realistic horrors of war. Pictures flashed through her mind of a cold winter in Russia, where among six children, there was only one pair of shoes to be worn, and if one had to face the bitter cold outdoors, it was he who could wear the shoes while the others stayed in the chilled house and were barefooted.

More terrorizing was the flash of memory showing Rose's mother being faced by the men of Petlura's Army, who stood with bayonets in hand, accusing her of being Jewish, and therefore doomed to death by that faction in the October Russian Revolution of 1917. It was only the fact that the family did not have the characteristics of their race, and that they could speak Russian more fluently than any other language that saved them from their destiny. Yes, Rose has vivid recollections of fighting, killing, and starvation.

Because of subnormal eyesight, Rose was certain that she would not be accepted by the Army. It was "actually the happiest day of my life," she declares when she was accepted for military service in January 1945. Although she had done laboratory work as a civilian in several laboratories in San Francisco including Letterman and Dante, the army quota for that type of help was filled, so Rose became a medical technician and is now part of O-2.

Aside from her serious nature, Rose has a witty sense of humor which endears her to her patients and her many friends in the detachment.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Paul Senti of Ward D-1 has been promoted from bed to wheelchair status, and he took advantage of his new mobility to watch the passing parade on the ramp this week. It gave him a chance to get together with his former wardmate, John McGaugh, now on M-1. Seems they've missed each other.

Sgt. Albert Gerler, who is on Ward F-1, already has a big collection of leather wallets, but he's making another, and willingly gives instruction on how it's done. Nice work if you can do it, and he certainly can.

Things around Letterman looked changed and strange to Pfc. Carl Rothe when he got back from his 60-day furlough. He's on Ward C-1. Of course he still remembers how to find his way around, but says "there's sure a lot of strange faces." He spent his furlough with his parents in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "Thought 60 days would seem like plenty of time," but it passed all too fast for him. He says he never saw so much 'Help Wanted' as there

is now in Michigan. 'A man can get just about whatever kind of job he wants there right now.'

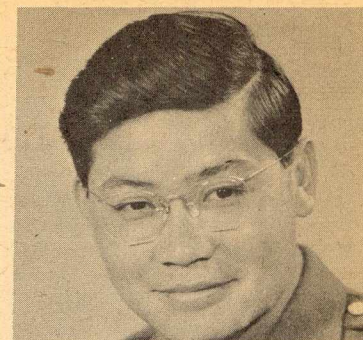
Pfc. Harry Rogers, who spent a year at Letterman just about a year ago, is back again, now on Ward 2, having arrived here last week from Dibble General Hospital.

Sgt. Durward Miller and Pfc. Camillus Boland were having a big conference this week on Ward F-1 over a book on the dark art of palmistry. They weren't reading any palms, but they're suspected of getting ready to set up a fortune-telling stand. Could it be that that song "The Gipsy" gave them ideas?

Pfc. William C. Sanders, Jr., of Ward F-1, was absorbed in his book "Psychology and Life," by Floyd L. Ruch, but stopped reading long enough to give it a plug as "good reading." Said he got it from the Information and Education office.

Have you seen the collection of photographs done by Lt. Bert Kopperl, Jr., patient on Ward G-1? Among the celebrities he has photographed are George Bernard Shaw and Alan Ladd.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JACK C. WON
Private

When you're 23 years old, and have participated in 22 art exhibits, that's something of a record, and it's the record of Pvt. Jack C. Won of the Medical Detachment. Jack is responsible for most of the new posters and signs now being made for the hospital, but even though he's busy all day in the Sign Shop, he uses most of his leisure time painting.

Every Sunday finds him up on the hill above the hospital, painting the beauties of the Bay and the surrounding country. He says this keeps him so busy he doesn't find much time for some of his other interests, such as bicycling, horseback riding and football.

Jack was born in Omaha, Nebraska, but came to San Francisco when he was six years old. He attended the public schools here, the Chinese Hip Wo School, and the California School of Fine Arts. He has received private instruction in art from Emerson Lewis.

When Jack was 16 he entered the California Citizenship Poster Contest and won third prize for his poster entitled "Crime and Passion." Until then he had planned to be an auto mechanic, but the encouragement of the prize changed his mind, and he has concentrated on an art career ever since.

His paintings have been hung in exhibits in the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, the Oakland Art Gallery, the Santa Cruz Art League, the Penthouse Gallery, the Maxwell Gallery, the American Artists Professional League, the International Institute, and the San Francisco Academy of Allied Arts.

One of his paintings won a prize at the International Outdoor Exhibit in 1940, and he has received Honorable Mention in exhibits at the American Artists Professional League and the California Palace of the Legion of Honor.

The Wolf

by Sansone



CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Welcomes of the week go to Shirley Strunk and Theodore Teeter. Shirley came to California from Oregon to stay with her sister Betty, who works in Reconditioning Section, and Shirley is now working in Out-Patient Branch. Theodore Teeter, veteran of World War II, is from Montana, and calls California his by adoption. He has joined the staff of hospital Police and Personnel.

Helen Dietz of the Record Room returned Monday a little perturbed, because during a four-hour sun bath in sunny San Jose she failed to get sunburned.

The Peetz sisters, Jean and Ruth, are the proud aunts of a baby nephew, and Ruth took time off to welcome Junior home from the hospital.

Vivian Halverson of the Liaison Office was among the first-nighters at the Ice Follies last week at Winterland.

The welcome mat was put out for Josephine Alessi and Marian Leebins when they arrived this week from Dante. They are back at the Dental Clinic.

Our sympathy to Alfreda Matthews of the library, who after a weekend at Clear Lake was so sunburned that she is now a patient at Dante.

Vivian Wreden, dental assistant, returned this week from Portland, Oregon, where she attended the convention of the Dental Assistants' Association.

We're hoping for a speedy recovery for Jane Geiger of EENT Clinic. She is now home on sick leave.

Esther Aguado and Margaret Slack of Reconditioning Section are vacationing in Southern California, visiting family and friends in Los Angeles.

Kay Hardy, formerly of the Fog Horn staff, is leading the good life of a free lance writer in Carmel these days. In her case this life includes a complete-to-the-last-detail cottage with potted hydranges round the door, a Chrysler convertible, a new MagnaVox, and the study of Spanish via records. Besides this she edits a weekly for the LaPlaya Hotel—AND writes!

After reading "The Man Without a Country," one of the WAC technicians said it was sad, but it could be lots worse, if we had "a country without a man."

CLASSIFICATION ANALYST LOIS O'ROURKE CLASSIFIES AS "CHARMING"



Mrs. LOIS O'ROURKE
Likes skiing, swimming, riding, dancing

"Lovely to look at, delightful to know"—all that, and charming, too, goes for Mrs. Lois O'Rourke, classification analyst at the Presidio. For more than a year she has been assigned to Letterman and the Hospital Train Unit, but we are now about to lose her—regretfully—to a new assignment for the Presidio.

One of the things Mrs. O'Rourke likes best about her work is "meeting people, talking to them, and getting to know them," and for her, that should be easy. She says she has particularly enjoyed working at Letterman, and has received the utmost in cooperation from the staff here.

She is right at home in San Francisco, having been born here and educated in San Francisco schools.

She came to the Presidio in November 1941, and worked first in Personnel Division. She began her work as a classification analyst in May 1943. She spent a year at Fort Benning, Georgia, while her husband, Corporal Harry J. O'Rourke,

was stationed there and during that time she worked as an analyst. When her husband went overseas, Mrs. O'Rourke returned to the Presidio. She decidedly did not become addicted to the South, and was very glad to get back to California.

Her husband was killed in action January 18, 1945, in Germany, and she now makes her home with her grandmother, near Daly City.

Skiing is one of her favorite diversions, and most of her week ends last winter were spent skiing at Yosemite, Truckee or Soda Springs. But that's just one of her leisure-time activities. She enjoys swimming, horseback riding and dancing, as well as reading and the theatre.

She said she found the play "The Voice of the Turtle," which she saw recently, very entertaining. Just now she's enjoying reading the book "Trials of Five Queens."

We're hoping Mrs. O'Rourke is as sorry to leave Letterman as Letterman is to lose her—that comes under "Trials of General Hospitals."



To Capt. and Mrs. Jack Gray, a son, **Bruce Elmore**, weight 6 pounds and 15½ ounces, born 11 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. Golden D. Branch, a daughter, **Ann Elizabeth**, weight 7 pounds and 2½ ounces, born 12 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis S. Morris, a daughter, **Lynne Ella**, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces, born 13 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Alfred J. Black, a daughter, **Ann Elizabeth**, weight 8 pounds and 11½ ounces, born 13 June.

To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sanchez, a daughter, **Rita Jean**, weight 4 pounds and 10 ounces, born 13 June.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Doering, a son, **William Thomas**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 13 June.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Wesley Andrews, a daughter, **Linda Marie**, weight 9 pounds and 4 ounces, born 15 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John Biddleman, a son, **Philip Keith**, weight 7 pounds and 6 ounces, born 16 June.

Awards

Two awards were presented to patients this week by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman. S/Sgt. Robert B. Brookes was decorated with the Purple Heart, and Lt. Reba L. Holland, ANC, received the Army Commendation Ribbon.

S/Sgt. Brookes, who served with Company G, 108th Infantry, 40th Division, was wounded in action 25 January 1945 on Luzon.

Lieut. Holland's award was given "for meritorious service while on duty as night nurse, ASF Regional Station Hospital, Oakland, 27 October 1945. Lieut. Holland displayed outstanding presence of mind, courage and devotion to duty in restraining a temporarily deranged patient from jumping from a sixth-floor window in the hospital until six patients came to her aid and succeeded in overpowering him."

The inspector was paying a hurried routine visit to an overcrowded school. "Any abnormal children in your class?" he inquired of the harassed-looking teacher.

"Yes," she replied, "two of them have good manners."

DANTE ANTICS

'Twill be a June wedding for Miss Lipkin of the message center. Her beautiful diamond caused quite a sensation here last week. Our best wishes for continued happiness.

Marian Hallahan, former A.R.C. Head Recreation worker, left for Philadelphia Tuesday to await the imminent return of her husband from overseas.

Lt. Patricia Milloy, ANC, became Mrs. Ray Southward in a beautiful church wedding in Tacoma, Washington June 6th. The Southwards' will be at home in Paso Robles upon Pat's discharge from the service. Congratulations and best wishes for much happiness.

Nick (snow job) Nakagawarg, former X-ray technician, is now carrying on his good work at Letterman.

We were happy to see Lt. Col. Catherine Sinnott, ANC, former Dante patient, visiting here Tuesday.

Capt. Thomas Ward, former Mess Officer at Dante, has been transferred to the Dietetics Branch at Letterman General Hospital.

Wedding bells this Sunday in San Mateo for Lenore Huntington, former ARC, and Russell Brown. Best wishes and congratulations, Lenore and Russ!

Congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. John Fleming who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary June 17.

The Dental Clinic has lost that civilian touch. Jo Alessi and Marion Lebbens have already departed for Letterman duty.

Since Everett Johanson and Chris Hermann, former 302 patients have received their CDDs there has been a constant change of movie dates. Dante surely misses those two.

Lois Washburn returned recently from a pleasant six days "way down south of San Francisco."

WANTED—Room for two turtles who are anxiously looking for a new home since they were served their eviction notice from Medical Supply by Lt. Low. Mrs. Cookie and Kingston are worried lest no one will take in the two orphans.

Ginger Burton had a marvelous week end indulging in house cleaning to surprise Marge Whitacre's aunt when she returns from L. A. Friday.

That suntanned body on the 3rd wing roof belongs to Lt. Nichols—he's just about got all the freckles covered now.

COLONEL MYERS COMES TO LETTERMAN FROM BUSHNELL GENERAL HOSPITAL



Colonel ERNEST E. MYERS, MC
Chief, Amputee Section, Surgical Service

When the War Department decreed that Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham, Utah, should close its doors the news was tinged with sorrow for many who had labored long to build up the reputation that organization boasted for service to the war wounded, and in particular to those who suffered the loss of arms or legs.

For the man who had directed the orthopedic service just one ray of brightness could be discerned. The change would bring him back to his native California, and close to the home town of Oakland and neighboring Berkeley where he attended the University of California and emerged with his degree of Doctor in Medicine.

Colonel Ernest E. Myers, M.C., has the satisfaction of station at Letterman and the opportunity to finish the work he has followed for the past four years. The colonel was originally commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1925 but came to extended active duty in June 1942

with assignment to Billings General Hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Three months later he was transferred to Bushnell General Hospital and remained there until the institution was de-activated.

Colonel Myers specialized in amputations and it is estimated he has cared for 29,000 patients in the four years he has been on active duty. He reported at Letterman on 14 May of this year and immediately was named chief of the amputee section of the surgical service. With him came nearly a hundred patients from Bushnell as well as the staff of assistants he had gathered about him in Utah.

In a later issue we hope to print a more detailed account of what is being done for the men who have lost legs and arms in the military service.

The colonel brings a wealth of experience to his assignment here, and under his direction Letterman will add to its laurels as the outstanding general army hospital.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

Recruiting story of the week: Lt. William R. Dykes needed a clerk, so-o-o-o-o Pvt. Arnold Stern was transferred from the band to office clerk. Lieut. Dykes and M/Sgt. Lewis B. Stine did such a fine job of selling the Army to Pvt. Stern that he re-enlisted. Then he left on his 30-day re-enlistment furlough. Result: Lieut. Dykes still needs a clerk.

Cpl. Samuel Kennedy, dispatcher at the Motor Pool, thinks it would be a good idea to mention the hard-working dispatchers. So here it is—and it's an Honorable Mention, too.

Pfc. James Goodman, back from furlough, is again hard at work in detachment headquarters. While he was away, Jimmy visited Hollinger, Texas, then returned to California and purchased a home in Long Beach.

When Pfc. Carl Magni, better known as "Dago," left last week to spend his furlough in Omaha, some of his friends thought maybe the town deserved to be warned that he was on his way. Wonder why?

Some people go a long way for their fishing, and T/Sgt. Sherrill Rasmussen is going to Wisconsin for his. But with 23 days to spend, why not?

T/3 William C. Peterson left this week for a furlough in Ohio.

T/4 Fredrick Hansen and Pvt. Forrest Spences both got those little books titled "Going Back to Civilian Life" this week, and we wish them luck in their hunt for civilian clothes.

Pvt. Bernard Malina of Orientation and Information is back from his Chicago furlough. Says it was just about the hardest thing he ever did—leaving Chicago and that special girl.

Don't forget the detachment picnic next Sunday at Boyes Springs, Sonoma County. Bring your dates and have fun. Buses leave the Gym at 9:30 a. m.

He: "Give me a hug?"

She: "No."

He: "Give me a kiss?"

She: "No."

He: "Let's go over to the zoo."

She: "What for?"

He: "I think you'd get a big kick watching the turtles whizz by."



By HIBEL

The greatest roundup of the nation's track and field stars since the pre-war gang went to town will be held in San Antonio, Texas, June 28-29. The cream of the cinderpath crop in the United States—along with a few foreign entries—will participate in Alamo Stadium in the AAU's 58th renewal of its outdoor track and field championships.

It will be the first time since 1901 that the trackmen will participate in the cinderpath carnival this far south of the Mason-Dixon line. With the exception of the world Olympics, no other title is more highly coveted than an AAU crown. The AAU outdoor championships annually attract the nation's top college and high school performers, along with former collegiate champs now sporting the colors of amateur athletic clubs.

Not since the country's leading cinder stars went to war will there be such a gathering of "name" performers in San Antonio. The list is too long to mention. And vieing with the champions and runners-up of other years will be many former GI's who reached their athletic maturity in the armed forces and who proved their caliber in GI Olympic games staged in Europe, Italy and in the Pacific theater.

It would not be surprising to see a few former servicemen giving the top contestants a run for their shekels. An AAU title is a sure springboard for a spot on the 1948 U. S. Olympic team and the former GI's are well aware of the fact.

Two 1945 AAU titlists and former GI's—Barney Ewell and Joshua Williamson—will be trying for crowns. Ewell, who was a Camp Kilmer, N. J., corporal, broad-jumped 23 ft. 11 in., and ran the 60-yard dash in 6.2 seconds to take a double crown in the '45 AAU Indoor championships. Williamson, a sergeant at Camp Plauche, La., leaped 6 ft. 6 in., to take the high jump.

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Drawing a good deal of play in the Middle West is the All-American girls' Professional Baseball League, which opened its fourth season with a 120-game schedule on May 22.

Max Carey, ex-big league star and former Brooklyn Dodger manager, is president of the league and Bill Wambsganns of world series unassisted triple play fame, manages the Fort Wayne club. Many former big league stars aid the girl baseballers in the art of the game.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. Transportation has been arranged for all patients registering for summer courses in San Francisco schools. Just in case this news has been missed, the following schedule may be of interest:

San Francisco Junior College—27 June to 30 Aug. Offering academic and vocational courses.

Gompers Trade School—Starts 24 June, for short 8 week courses in all trades as well as photography and radio broadcasting.

Sign up for any of the above in Bldg. 1039.

2. Higher education for degree credit via "long distance" holds no drawbacks for LGH patients. Making profitable use of their present enforced "leisure" time, an interesting range of ranks and rates from Lt. Colonels to Pfc's, is represented in the number enrolled in correspondence courses with the University of California.

Just to mention a very few: Pfc. George A. Gadbois—Accounting; Pfc. Richard E. Eyestone—Beginning French; T/5 Zelik J. Danziger—General Psychology;; Sgt. Raymond Covington—Accounting; 2nd Lt. George H. Roe—Mathematics of Finance; 1st Lt. William Shinn—German; Lt. Col. Guy W. Saunders—Accounting.

Free enrollment in any U. C. correspondence course, under the sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary, is open to all service people, men or women, recuperating in service hospitals in California.

3. "No more pencils, no more books—No more teacher's crabby looks." Remember? Well, yesterday's sessions marked the end of regularly scheduled instruction by the staff of the Board of Education teachers assigned to LGH for the past spring term. But none of the students seemed too happy about it. How times have changed!

Off for a summer vacation are Miss Frances Lilienthal, Bernard Zakheim, Marta Eberitzsch, Mrs. Raymonde Theill, and Mrs. Ruth Staley.

However, a large group of certificated S. F. teachers have volunteered to carry on instruction in class rooms and the wards until the opening of the Fall term in September.



GUILTY, YOUR HONOR!

Any jury would find luscious Martha O'Driscoll guilty of disturbing the peace-of-mind of the average male when she poses as prettily as this. The legal reference is occasioned by the fact that Martha, after several years touring with USO shows, has settled down in Hollywood and is currently starring in RKO Radio's "Criminal Court." Statistics: Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 5 ft., 4 1/2 in. tall, 118 pounds, blonde hair, hazel eyes.

Anything For A Laugh

A gal friend of ours wants to study medicine just so when she goes to the Dr. I. Q. Quiz program the man in the balcony will yell out, "I have a lady doctor" . . .

Secretary: A very attractive girl who can't add but who can certainly distract.

"I wish to marry your daughter, sir."

"Do you drink, young man?"

"Why yes, thanks—but let's get this other matter settled first."

We never used to be able to find Grandma's glasses, but now she leaves them right where she empties them.

"Do you drink?"

"No."

"Are you sure?"

"Absolutely—I never touch the stuff."

"Then hold this bottle while I tie my shoe."

"How'd you get along with your wife in that fight the other night?"

"Aw, she came crawling to me on her knees."

"What did she say?"

"Come out from under that bed, you coward!"

MP: "Soldier, you've been brought in for intoxication."

GI: "Thash fine, lesh get shtarted."

Professor: "This exam will be conducted on the honor system. Please sit three seats apart in alternate rows."

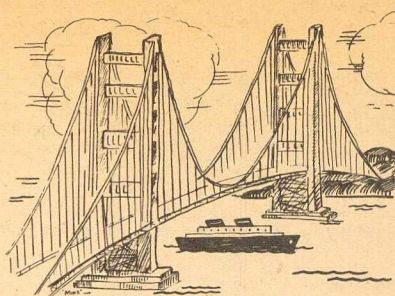
"In times of trial," said the preacher, "what brings us the greatest comfort?"

And from the back row came an answering voice: "An acquittal!"

She: "Does the moon influence the tide?"

He: "I don't know about the tied, honey, but it sure influences the untied."

Sign in a machine shop: If your sweater is too big for you, look out for the machines. . . . If you're too big for your sweater, look out for the machinists!



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War Dept. States Requirements For Regular Army

Announcement will be made by the War Department at the end of June, 1946, of successful applicants for Regular Army Commissions. It is desired that information contained herein be given personal dissemination by commanders down through regimental and corresponding separate commanders, in order to present the facts to the officers of the Army who are concerned.

It should be particularly emphasized that failure to attain appointment under this program does not in any way indicate that the many fine officers who are being advised that they are not on an eligible list are not desirable or satisfactory.

There were over 108,000 applications for the 9,600 vacancies. Selection of thousands of highly qualified officers now carried on the eligible list was impossible, due to insufficient vacancies. Basis for appointments were reports of recommendations of officers' wartime commanders, a board of senior officers, and a self-appraisal submitted by the applicants.

Of the 9,600 vacancies, 2,600 were for officers of the technical and administrative services, 4,000 were air forces, and 3,000 were officers of the ground arms. Following is a recapitulation of grades to which appointments will be made: 600 will be appointed as majors, 2,000 as captains, 6,000 as first lieutenants and 1,000 as second lieutenants.

Increase of 25,000 in the authorized strength of the Regular Army has been requested by the War Department. If Congress authorizes this increase, it will permit appointment of considerable numbers of present eligible list officers.

Plans for the next increase visualize that augmentation will be



Major General NORMAN T. KIRK

The Surgeon General of the Army, who will be a San Francisco visitor next week, representing the Army Medical Department at the 95th annual convention of the American Medical Association.

conducted in two phases. One: the appointment of qualified candidates from the eligible list, including new applicants, and two: the remainder of the vacancies to be filled over a period of years from other sources in the original grades.

The distribution plan for the 25,000 new vacancies involves allocation of approximately two-thirds to the Army Air Forces, with the remaining one-third to the services and ground arms. Quota for air

force includes officers to be appointed to meet services and arms requirements. If the increase is approved by Congress during the current session, the War Department is prepared to conduct processing operations in the near future, and integration appointments thereunder will be made within approximately nine months.

The general plan for conducting the next integration contemplates

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Surgeon General To Be Letterman Visitor This Week

Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General of the Army, will be a Letterman visitor next week when he comes to San Francisco to participate in the program of the American Medical Association at the convention to be held from Monday through Friday.

General Kirk is to be the guest of honor at a reception tendered by the commanding general and the staff at the Letterman Club on Wednesday, July 3, from 1630 to 1900. In addition to General Kirk invitations have been extended to all the consultants attached to the office of the Surgeon General during the days of active warfare, and also to the retired medical officers living in the bay area.

General Kirk is also to be the honored guest of the San Francisco Press Club at one of the traditional "Gang Dinners" on Tuesday evening. He will address the members "behind the Black Cat" in keeping with the custom prevailing at the club.

While in San Francisco the Surgeon General will be the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Bunnell.

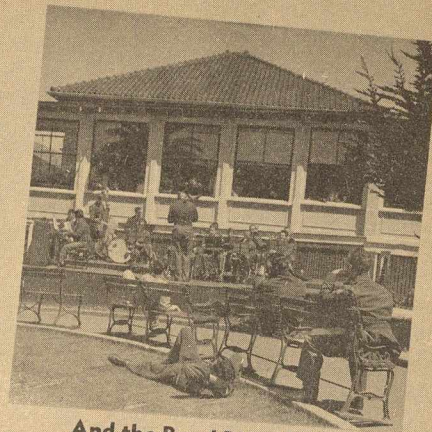
On Tuesday last Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, the Deputy Surgeon General, who had been at Letterman over the weekend, left for Bikini to act as one of the official observers at the atomic bomb test to be held about July 1. He has tentative plans for an inspection tour of medical installations in Japan following the conclusion of the bomb tests and expects to return to the mainland in approximately six weeks.

Facsimile of the Declaration of Independence which formally proclaimed the severance of the ties that bound the American Colonies to the British Crown. The original document now reposes in a special niche in the Library of Congress in Washington.

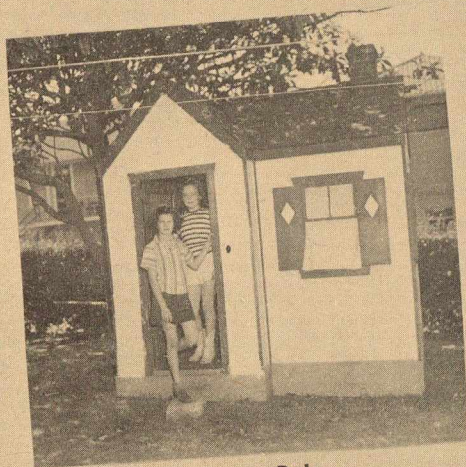
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



How's About a Little Croquet?



And the Band Played On



Playhouse Pals



Painted On Presidio Hill



Recent Arrivals From Bushnell



Sunny California

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EDITORIAL

INDEPENDENCE

Our country this year celebrates the 170th anniversary of our independence. It was on 4 July 1776, that the Continental Congress in Philadelphia voted that the 13 colonies "are and of right ought to be, free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is and ought to be dissolved."

That was a momentous step for the courageous group to take against a nation so powerful as Britain. It meant years of war and hardships for the people of that day but they persevered and wrested the freedom that is ours today.

In the 170 years which have passed since that time our independence has endured many stresses and strains but the good sense of the American people has enabled us to hold fast to what was so dearly won. We enjoy a degree of freedom unequalled by any people in the world. It is a precious heritage we should value highly.

With the signers of that Declaration of Independence the welfare of the country came before the welfare of the individual. Penning their names to that document jeopardized their very lives. They were prepared to pay any cost for that freedom proclaimed by their deed.

Would that today we had

WAC

By Bette Byers

The doors swing in and the doors swing out on the Orderly Room as we say "Hello," "Good-bye," and "Congratulations!"

Those who left bunks for feminine dressing tables and curtained boudoirs were T/4s Malta Bengé, Maxine Musselman, T/5s Maggie Buck, Shirley Markley, Easter Lillie Cook and Pfc. Dorothy La Pointe, T/5 Rimgard Bishop, who has been home on an emergency furlough, is being separated at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. Good luck!

Congratulations to the new Sarges who added a third stripe to their T/5 patches. The happy gals are: Beverly Alexander, Willie Arney, Frances Black, Rosemary Clemens, Lida Crowell, Geraldine Krebs, Marilyn Mankey, Mary Mohler, Rebecca Monroy, Maxine Musselman, Patricia Macey, Margaret Riordan, Elizabeth Ryan, and Mildred Stech. Their lucky day was Thursday, June 20th.

You certainly "can't believe everything you hear" if you are listening to that busy little rumor spreader, T/5 Mary Jones. She's driving a certain T/4 to distraction. If you ask me, Mary's hearing bells where there aren't any. Isn't that supposed to be the last stage???

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(Editor's Note: AND congratulations to T/4 Bette Byers of Public Relations, who added another stripe this week, and who already answers without hesitation to her new title of Sarge.)

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The Letterman WAC Softball team defeated the Stoneman Kilroy Civilians Tuesday night after a battling game which terminated with a score of 8 to 2. The latest addition to the Letterman team, 1st Lieut. Alice L. Dahnke, who is already claimed to be the outstanding member, added to the excitement of the fracas by batting a terrific home run. Another victory is chalked up as the season progresses!

more of unselfish devotion to our country after the example of the heroic founders.

Freedom does not preserve itself. Liberty, without license, must be safeguarded. Independence has its price.

It is worth all that it costs.



Among the recent arrivals who spends all her off-duty time in the Letterman swimming pool is Lieut. Marjorie Heaser, who came to us from Ft. Ord. Being a fine swimmer, Marjorie isn't part of a group who dons a bathing suit for sunshine only.

Lieut. Lucille Travison stole a few moments for coffee at the PX early Monday morning, but not for an eye-opener we'll wager! She looked more alert and vivacious than any other coffee fiend there.

Who is the nurse who seems to be collecting traffic tickets, first for parking, and then for going through stop signs in San Francisco? Could the trouble be due to her having a driver's permit until she can pass the driver's test for her regular license? She is recognized by the light blue Ford coupe which should be named "Charger."

Lieuts. Irene Powell, Vida "Pat" Morser, Kathryn Poole, and Audrey Gendron and her sister went on a whale of a fishing trip on one of the local thirty-five foot tubs in San Francisco Bay Saturday morning, and believe it or not they really caught some fish! They didn't stop there, but came back with a terrific sunburn, too. With the wind and high waves, they all claim to be fair sailors with the exception of Lieut. Gendron's sister, who spoiled a perfect record by getting just a wee bit squeamish at the mention of food.

Lieut. Kartryn Poole is bidding friends farewell as she leaves the Army Nurse Corps for a two month's vacation in her home of Oklahoma before resuming her nursing career in the McKinney Veterans Administration Hospital in Texas. Lotsa luck, Kathryn!

A hearty welcome is extended to our Dante nurse friends who transferred to the main hospital recently. They are: Lieuts. Grace Loehde, Ruby Watson, Barabara McGill, Lois Bergendorf, Miriam Krouch, Alda Enrico, and Dorothy Richter.

Major Ann A. Benton returned Friday from her fifteen day leave with delightful and inviting tales of beautiful Yosemite National Park and Carmel by the Sea.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, June 30, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Independence Day

The 170th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence will be commemorated in ceremonies to be held in the patio at Letterman General Hospital at 10:30 on the morning of July 4th. The program will open with the playing of "God Bless America" by the 358th ASF Band, under the leadership of CWO Charles W. Cook. The invocation will be asked by Lt. Col. Stanley J. Reilly, Assistant Post Chaplain. Major Irving I. Faling will read the Declaration of Independence and the Commanding General, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman will make a brief address.

The Distinguished Service Cross will be presented to Lieut. Howard L. Arnest for heroism in France. Following the benediction by Captain Albert F. Click, Assistant Post Chaplain, the ceremonies will close with the National Anthem by the 358th ASF Band.

Remember what happened to Willy Gray.

"He died maintaining the right-of-way.

"He was right, dead right, as he sped along,

"But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong."

No Smoking!

The Fire Marshal has called attention to the fire hazard created by cigarette, cigar and pipe smoking in the Recreation Center during moving picture shows. Hospital orders prohibit smoking in the Center during shows and your compliance is desired.

WAC OF THE WEEK



REBECCA MONROY
Technician Fourth Grade

She entered the lab, slightly nervous with anticipation as to what her first assignment would be. Under orders, she followed the Colonel through swinging doors, and came face to face with a corpse! As the Colonel began cutting and dictating, she stared with gruesome fascination and squeamish emotions. Suddenly she realized she was supposed to be getting his notes down in her little book, which she held limply at her side, and with a great deal of effort, T/4 Rebecca Monroy began her first assignment.

Since that time Becky has taken notes on dozens of autopsies and faces corpses without batting an eyelash. She doesn't have to wait three days before she can eat properly, nor lose ten pounds with each corpse as she did that time 'way back when she was a private and green from clerk's school.

Living in Los Angeles . . . so very close to that publicized dreamland, Hollywood, it's a wonder our lovely, vivacious Becky escaped a movie contract. But for our new third-striper Hollywood holds no glamour. In fact, Becky was almost ousted by her friends when on her last furlough she stoutly declared that San Francisco is a much nicer place than southern California. Atta girl, Becky!

From Ogleshorpe, where Becky had hoped to become a "second Florence Nightingale" but turned out to be a stenographer, she went to DeWitt General Hospital in Auburn. "It was a beautiful place," she declares. "We'd wake up every morning, look out of our windows and see peaceful country farms and cows grazing in the pastures." When she arrived at Letterman on Christmas Day, she claims it was quite a jolt at first to run to the window and breathe in . . . Alcatraz!

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

He "dood" it! Sammy Holliday of ward 1 took the fatal step June 21st when he gave his name to Miss Mildred Louise Byers of San Jose in an early afternoon wedding ceremony in the Letterman Chapel. Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click officiated while a group of friends stood by to congratulate the couple. Best of luck, Sam!

When our crooner Terry Grant of K-2 gave a sample of his voice to his public in a local night spot this week, he received a very special request from the famous Frank Capra of Hollywood to sing that old favorite, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Mr. Capra put his stamp of approval on Terry, who by now has had a couple get-togethers with the colossal Capra. Better watch it, Mr. Sinatra!

The best sight seen around the halls of famous Letterman is Sam Harrison of C-2 cane walking, and wearing a very proud grin. Congratulations, Sam!

Paul E. Culley of C-2 believes in making hay while the sun shines. On his recent 45-day furlough, Paul filed for the office of Justice of the Peace of the Las Vegas Township, and is proceeding to stage his campaign from the hospital bed. Although there is no monthly salary attached to the office, it is more lucrative than the position of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States! Says the great Mr. Culley, "I believe I have a better than even chance." We hope it's true, Paul, and shall await the results of the primary, September 3rd, election. By the way, you prospective grooms and brides will be happy to know that Paul gives us his word he'll perform wedding ceremonies FREE to any ex-patient from Letterman if he's elected! The line forms to the right!

John Condan is momentarily awaiting receipt of a new De Luxe Olds Sedan which he claims will be even better than his faithful gurney. When able to use it, he and the Mrs. will take to the south . . . Mexico . . . to see the bull fights and whatever else there is to see in little old Mexico. Didja know that Mrs. Condan is very sympathetic toward her husband's present incapacitated condition, for she's also a patient here . . . in a prone posi-

tion due to a recent accident resulting in a broken back. Here's a coupla sincere get-well wishes to two swell people!

Here's the chance you've been waiting for. Miss Frances Langford added to her Purple Heart Diary syndicated column with a radio show appropriately entitled "Purple Heart Album" which is aired to hospital patients only. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 you can hear your favorites sung by Fran. Write your request to Miss Frances Langford, Purple Heart Album, Armed Forces Radio Service, Los Angeles, California. She's really asking for 'em, you Langford fans!

The patient who surpasses all others when it comes to nicknames is Bob Rosen of ward I. Among the many he is dubbed with "Radar" (we hear that's because he picks up everything!) "Lover," "Casanova" and "Glamour Boy." For those few who don't know him, just look for the man with the jet black wavy hair and every hair in place. Your ward buddies are requesting your beautician's name, Bob.

Under the "Strange Sights" heading, Victor "Pete" Pierre of ward 28 was seen running around waving a little piece of paper and screaming, "Look everyone, a Legal Pass!"

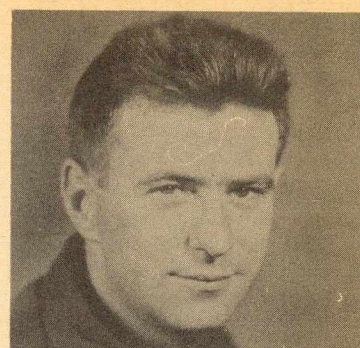
Bill Meyers of ward 2 recently asked a WAC why she didn't eat certain foods. She replied "I have to watch my girlish figure." Always having a handy retort, Bill volunteered to watch it for her. That makes two! Bob Trotter's doing the job!

How things change! Wolfish howls could always be heard in the hospital ramps, but this week it was the wind!

If you plan to furnish your own home when you leave the restful life of Letterman, you might be able to get a nifty rug by contacting Johnnie Holmes of ward 8. So far, he hasn't put up a shingle, but his samples are exhibited at the OT Shop.

Most recent attraction for the east hospital is the Hawaiian Village Lounge located in the dayroom of ward 1. The floor show comes off at irregular hours starring Charlie with his guitar and the rest of his company doing a little harmonizing on popular Hawaiian numbers

ON THE SPOT



JOHN A. HOLMES
Technical Sergeant

John A. (as in amusing atmosphere) Holmes of ward 8 via Hollywood requires no introduction here at Letterman. With his witty humor and commendable personality, Johnnie is sought by friends as a never-failing morale booster.

He claims he's the "face on the cutting room floor," but nevertheless you probably saw him in a bit part in Columbia's "Arizona" and other pictures. Besides his talent for appearing before cameras, Johnnie entertained in favorite night spots in Hollywood (the Pirate's Den and Band Box), Glendale, and Pasadena, singing and playing novelty numbers on the piano. His entertaining career ended when Johnnie was inducted into the Army on April 1st 1943 . . . and that's NO joke, son!

Johnnie had a whirlwind tour of the U. S. on government time as he took his basic training at Fresno, studied radio at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, gunnery school at Arizona and overseas training in Alexandria, Louisiana. From England he flew (yes, he's one of those Air Corps boys!) thirty-one missions over Germany before the Germans decided they didn't want him on their side of the Atlantic any longer, and did something about it! So being an obliging lad, Johnnie returned to ye good old native land via Paris and the Azores. DeWitt claimed him as a patient until Letterman gained him on December 1st of '45.

Johnnie takes an active part in the "Society of Eager Weavers" in the OT Shop. It's not only his hobby, but has possibilities of becoming his future profession. As he sits and weaves, then knots innumerable knots, he claims with enthusiasm, "I'm going knotty!" That's where we leave you, Johnnie!

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Discarding her WAC uniform with its bars for civilian clothes, Betsy Funston, after four years of service, learns the routine of the Medical Supply.

Last week seemed quite exciting for Emily Knepp Bement from the Dental Clinic as her family arrived in San Francisco from Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, for a visit with her.

The lovely Miss lending a helpful hand in the bond office last week was Mary Kelly, daughter of Zita Kelly.

Helen Smith from Detachment of Patients is a very happy gal these days being the recipient of six pairs of nylons for her birthday (21st) last week.

Congratulations to Alice Thompson who was formerly floor manager, but is now manager of the main PX at Letterman. Even though the grief of inventory might be expected to get her down, it didn't, and she says she's very happy about her new assignment.

"Heading for a wedding" is Geraldine Derosin from the laboratory who is making plans to become Mrs. in July. She leaves via plane for Detroit and then on to Minnesota.

Joe De Freitas took leave from the Machine Shop this week to journey to Los Angeles while Edward Fenzel spends his vacation getting settled in his new home in Burlingame.

It is home to Chicago for Bonnie Giroux as she leaves this week after serving four months in the Information office. Pleasant trip, Bonnie.

Salinas and San Diego will be the stopoff for Beverly Rowe of the laboratory. She plans to visit with members of her family during her vacation.

The little blonde from Atlanta, Georgia, who enhances the Sick and Wounded Office is Martha Weden.

Among fifteen employees in the Adjutant's Office, four cards entitling the bearer to nylons were received from a downtown store. So straws were drawn and the lucky ladies were Bernice Blake, Sgt. Major's Office, Derinda McFarland, from the Post Office, and Helen Jackson and Blanche Pritchard of Information.

VERSATILE DIANA DAY IS BOTH A COUNTRY GIRL AND CITY MISS



Miss DIANA DAY
Says she's a "dyed in the fog" native.

Miss Diana Day, the delightfully dashing demoiselle of Letterman's Red Cross workers, repudiates all puns made on her name, including "Miss D-Day," and claims the name as her own even though she admits it sounds as if it were borrowed from a Hollywood actress. Says she, "I made a deal with my mother when I was six days old. I liked the sound of it, and it's really mine!"

Thus clearing her name, this talented maiden unraveled the story of her life. She's a "dyed in the fog native" which all means Diana was born in Montana but has lived in San Francisco at least 20 years. After attending the Immaculate Conception Academy in San Francisco, she went on to San Francisco State Teachers' College and San Jose State, but "a perfectly good war came along and I had to return to the city or I'd miss out on what was happening." So San Jose State lost its prize pupil, and W. J. Sloane & Co. added a new name to its list of employees, and Diana played hostess and was a "general keep-the-customers-happy" girl.

"I like the outdoors and the mountains, green trees, mountain lakes, trout fishing and Wyoming ranches, but definitely not dudes," she says. Tight jeans, high heeled boots and a 10 gallon Stetson is her idea of how to spend an ideal vacation. But in the next breath, Diana tells of the time she abandoned the ranches to take ground school aviation at the University of San Francisco. "Me and thirty-five men!" "Yes indeed, I had a wonderful summer that year!"

Diana's eyes are most unusual . . . in more ways than one. They turn grey, green, or blue depending on whom she turns the blinkers. Although she claims sleeping is her favorite pastime, we'll wager the local talent doesn't allow her the free time. Since Diana stands a trim 5' 9½" without those high-heeled cowboy boots, the laddies must measure a good six feet to qualify.

Since Diana claims she is "clean out of good ambitions" we'll leave her to her promising successful future . . . but it is doubtful if the swains will.

Attention!

The reception in honor of The Surgeon General for 1630 to 1900 hours at the Letterman Club on Wednesday, 3 July 1946, will take the place of the usual monthly dinner dance of the Letterman Officers' Club. All members of the club are expected to attend. Attendance of the wives of Letterman Club members is optional but encouraged.

In view of the anticipated large attendance, it is suggested that Letterman Club members come early to avoid overcrowding later, when it is anticipated that guests from the AMA Conventon are likely to appear in greater numbers.

MORE ABOUT REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMY

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opportunity for application by those who failed to apply under the current program. Officers who are now on the eligible list will not be required to reapply. These officers may, however, change their choice of arm or service. Officers eligible for separation, and who accept separation, will retain their position on the eligible list.

Present War Department officer requirements preclude revision of volunteer statements to permit earlier separation, but such statements may be revised to extend period of service, under existing policies. Due to shortage of officers, every effort should be made to encourage them to remain on active duty.

In connection with demotions it should be pointed out that the demotion program has been suspended temporarily. Further demotions are not scheduled prior to September, 1946, and that only in order that headquarters maintain troop basis requirements. It is not anticipated that demotion of company grade officers will be required for some time.

Promotions to colonel and lieutenant-colonel have been suspended. Promotions to grade of major are centralized in the War Department. Promotions to first lieutenant and captain are decentralized to field commanders. The congressional attitude appears favorable for increase in pay for officers on a sliding scale.

Maybe the reason the gals like the silent type of man is because they think the lug is listening.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

An orchid for the boys and gals of the Detachment who attended the Detachment picnic Sunday at Boyes Springs. The employees of the Casino said that ours was the best-behaved group of GIs who had been at the Springs so far. So take a bow!

M/Sgt. Percy Carnes of the Detachment of Patients came back from Texas five days early. We wonder if he missed the California sunshine?

Another one back from "deep in the heart of" is Pfc. Bobbie Jones, who returned from his 30-day re-enlistment furlough.

Pvt. Robert Osman left this week for Paso Robles to take the fatal step of marrying the one and only he's raved about so-o-o-o much.

T/5 Andrew Orsich is back from furlough and looking more than good.

Cpl. Earl Eby, the Sergeant Major's right hand, has started on that 30-year trail, and will be having a good time at home during the next few weeks. We'll miss him.

Congratulations are in order this week for 45 new corporals and sergeants who earned that extra stripe.

The beach party Wednesday night was a big success, with plenty of wieners and marshmallows enjoyed under the warm (?) California skies, plus entertainment. It's almost enough to make one like the Army, almost.

Cpl. Arthur Hienzel is burning the midnight oil these nights writing those thick letters to HER. We understand the stamp bill was better than five dollars last month, so it must be love!

Hours at the "Y"

New hours at the Army YMCA for Letterman patients were announced this week, and in the future the facilities of the "Y" will be available from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily.

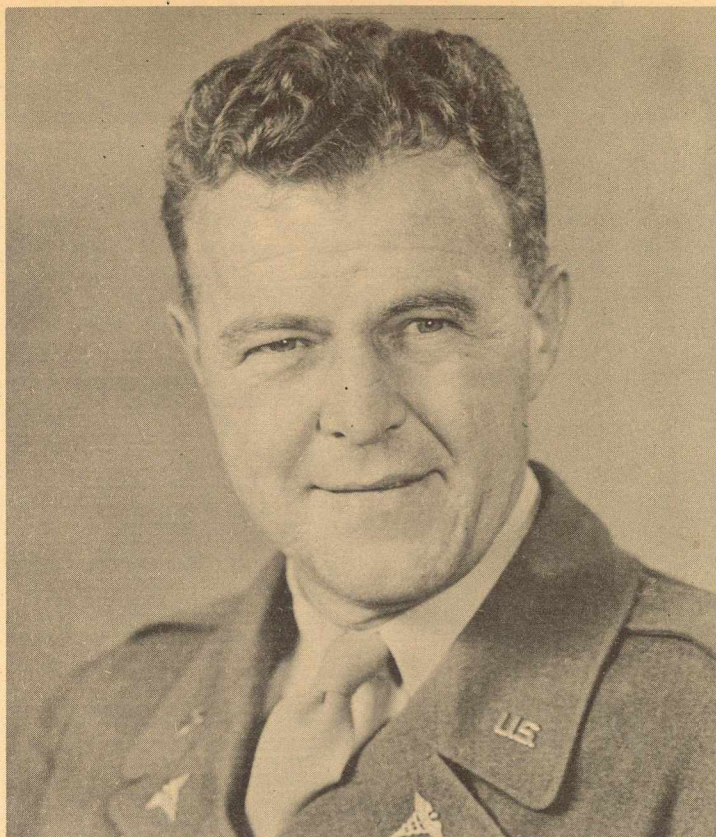
WAVE: "Oh, doctor, will the scar show?"

Doctor: "That, miss, is entirely up to you."

She: "My, your heart's beating like a drum."

He: "Yeah, that's the call to arms."

COLONEL MAXWELL AT LETTERMAN AFTER NEARLY FOUR YEARS OVERSEAS



Colonel EARL MAXWELL
Assigned to EENT Section

Colonel Earl Maxwell, who arrived at Letterman this month, has been at many stations both here and overseas during his 18 years in the Army, but this is his first tour of duty in San Francisco, and he says he's very glad to be here. He has been assigned to Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Section.

As surgeon of the South Pacific Base Command, he held the rank of Brigadier General from January 1944 until February 1946, when he returned to the States. He has been awarded the Air Medal and the Legion of Merit.

Colonel Maxwell, who was born in Illinois, was graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and entered the Medical Department of the Army in 1928. He interned at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was graduated from the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C. in 1930. He is also a graduate of the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, and has a flight surgeon's rating.

He was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1930 to 1936, then was assigned to Gorgas Hospital, Canal Zone. Later he was chief of EENT Service and assistant base and flight surgeon at the station hospital, Barksdale Field, Louisiana; base surgeon and sanitary inspector, Army Air Base, Savannah, Georgia.

In 1942 he went overseas and was theatre surgeon, South Pacific Area, until 1944. He was then on Okinawa until September 1945, when he was sent to Japan, his last assignment before returning to the United States.

When he arrived home, Colonel Maxwell spent a happy three months with his family in Flagstaff, Arizona, enjoying home life again. His wife, Margaret, and their two children, Robert, who is 12, and Ann, 10, are still in Flagstaff, making plans to join Colonel Maxwell as soon as he finds a house here (Advt.).

Golf, fishing and hunting are Colonel Maxwell's favorite leisure-time sports, and now that he's in California he has plenty of scope for all three.

All About Alice

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EXTRACT

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Study by Mail

The U. S. Veterans' Administration has negotiated contracts with 38 educational institutions throughout the country authorizing them to furnish correspondence and extension courses by mail to veterans eligible for educational benefits under veterans' legislation.

A picaresque novel of the circus is "The Canvas Sky" by David Liebovitz. Craig Johnson, captain of his gym team at college and good on the flying rings and parallel bars, was looking for a job. He met Long John Whittaker, owner of the circus, and that sealed his fate. From there on the tale is one of romance, factual details, and gaudy characters, filled with the language of the Big Top. In the Library.



By Sgt Mervin J Hartman

With the 1946 pennant campaign a little more than one-third over, sports-writers throughout the country are beginning to feel a little sheepish about their early season predictions.

After an exciting training season, it was generally regarded that with the return of the pre-war sluggers, the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals would cop their respective flags in record time. However, a look at the standings shows that the National League race is as wide open as Grand Canyon on a clear day, with the Cards and Dodgers waging a nip and tuck battle for first place honors and the Cubs and Reds not very far behind.

As for the junior circuit, Joe Cronin's Boston Red Sox, whom the "experts" tabbed as strictly fourth place material, are currently ripping the American League apart, with the "vaunted" Yanks precariously holding on to the runner-up slot a few percentage points above the on-rushing Tigers and Indians.

The Yankees' downfall can be attributed to the failure of their mound corps to produce a consistent winner. Plagued with injuries and batting slumps, Bill Dickey has been forced to juggle his line up a number of times, but the New Yorkers have failed to click like the Yanks of old.

Paced by the strong-arm elbowing of Ferriss, Harris, Hughson and Dobson, the Bosox have taken all comers into camp and emerged victorious in the great majority of contests. Taking nothing away from the standout Hose pitching, Joe Cronin's moundsmen have been getting the best support in either league, both at bat and in the field.

In the senior loop, the Cardinals are just beginning to recover from Max Lanier's dramatic south-of-the-border exit, which caught manager Eddie Dyer shorter than a GI haircut. During spring exhibition games, the Red-birds seemed to be overstocked with winning pitchers, including Pollet, Brecheen, Beazley, Burkhardt, Donnelly and others who in previous years had proven their mettle. Outside of Pollet, who has shown a penchant for defeating the Dodgers, the staff has had a rough time thus far.

The Cards are not the only team handicapped with pitching woes. Lippy Leo's charges have surged to the top on their hitting prowess alone, with ex-batting champs Dixie Walker and Pete Reiser leading the way.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. From Separation Counseling comes interesting news regarding new laws passed by most states granting benefits and privileges to veterans. These are in addition to those provided by the Federal Government. They range all the way from bonuses, vocational training, loan guarantees, and tax exemptions. For information concerning such legislation in your state, contact the military counselor in the Separation Classification Section, Room 17. Bed patients may phone 2613 for an appointment.

2. Four more LGH patients are recipients of Certificates of High School Equivalence issued under authority of State Boards of Education on the basis of their scores on the General Educational Development Tests. Congratulatoins to Pfc. George A. Gadbois of Coolidge High School, Arizona; T/4 Ray Leach of Baudette, Minnesota; Pvt. Jack Stow of Marysville, California; WO Don P. Wood of Strafford, Missouri.

3. Lots of credit is due Sgt. Richard Lee for his steadfast plugging-away at education while a patient here. The results of his GED Tests brought him his Certificate of High School Equivalence from San Jose High School, California. Meanwhile, he worked on USAFI Correspondence Courses in Plane Geometry, Physics, and English Grammar. Now, awaiting discharge, he has enrolled for the Fall semester at S. F. Junior College. Nice work.

4. So great has been the enrollment at Stanford University since V-J day that application for admission is accepted only for the winter quarter opening 6 January, 1947. Quoting Stanford Registrar, "All applications and credentials to be considered for this winter

Pres. Truman's Plan For Service Merger

Washington (CNS)—A revised, 12-point plan for unification of the armed forces into a single Department of National Defense was submitted to Congress by Pres. Truman, and although he asserted it had the full support of civilian and military heads of both the Army and Navy, reception of the plan in Congress, especially among staunch Navy supporters, was uncertain.

The chief difference between the President's new program and the unification plan he submitted last Dec. 19 appeared to be the proposed retention of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Army, Navy, and Air Forces, instead of appointment of a single Chief of Staff.

Mr. Truman's statement that he had the support of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, as well as Secretary of Navy James Forrestal and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, came as a surprise to many Washington observers, published reports indicated, in view of recent statements of irreconcilable differences between the departments.

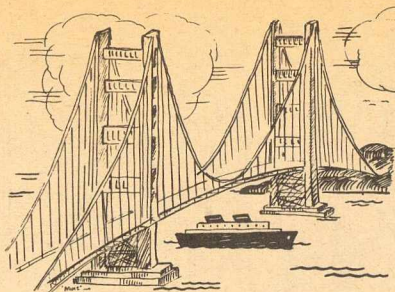
President Truman's 12-point program for unification called for: 1. A single military department. 2. Three coordinated services—Army, Navy, Air. 3. Aviation—A separate Air Force, but with full autonomy for the Navy in developing and employing its own land-based as well as carrier-borne and Marine Corps aircraft. 4. Preservation of the Marine Corps with its present prerogatives. 5. A Council of National Defense, the chief of which would have cabinet rank. 6. A National Security Resources Board. 7. The Joint Chiefs of Staff. 8. "No single military Chief of Staff" — This point revealed the War Department was willing to withdraw its demand for a single Chief of Staff, in the face of Navy objections. 9. A central intelligence agency. 10. A single agency in the entire field of military supply and procurement. 11. A single agency to coordinate scientific research and development within the military services. 12. A single agency to review periodically various systems of military education and training and to integrate them.

Under the new plan, the heads of the three coordinate branches of the unified department would have the titles of "secretary" but would not have Cabinet rank. They would retain autonomy, Mr. Truman said, subject to authority and control of the Secretary of National Defense.

"One of the most important problems confronting our country today is the establishment of a definite military policy," the President wrote in transmitting his plan. "In the solution of this problem, I consider it vital that we have a unified armed force for our national defense."



PALPITATING, PULSATING
Pulchritude is sweet and shapely Susan Hayward, who romances and dances with Bill Williams in RKO Radio's "Dead- line at Dawn."



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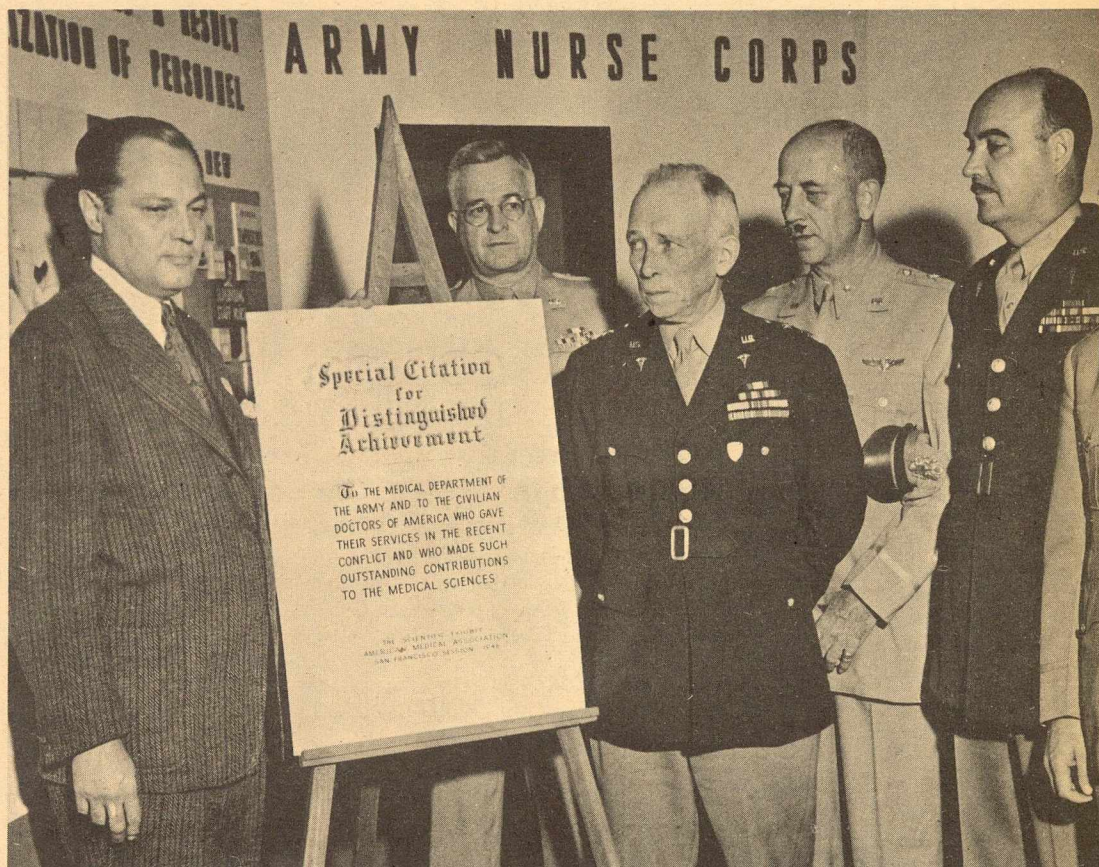
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Surgeon General Spends a Busy Week at Letterman

The Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk, arrived by air transport command plane from Washington on Monday evening and spent a very full three days in San Francisco until he returned to Washington on Thursday morning.

Arriving on Tuesday morning, General Kirk visited the Medical Department exhibit in the convention hall of the Civic Auditorium and later addressed the delegates of the American Medical Association. In the early afternoon he came out to Letterman General Hospital, was greeted upon arrival by the Commanding General and immediately proceeded to pay a visit to his old friend Brig. Gen. Wallace DeWitt, former Commanding General at Letterman, who is now a patient. He also spent a brief time with another old friend, Major General Homer C. Groninger, also under treatment here. The deep interest of the Surgeon General in the progress of the amputees was indicated when he next went over to wards 42-43 for individual visits with the patients now under treatment in that department. General Kirk held a brief reception for Colonel John D. Lamon and the officers on the surgical staff before leaving Letterman.

In the late afternoon he was the guest of honor at a reception held by Dr. and Mrs. Stering Bunnell at their home, where the general is a house guest during his stay in San Francisco. In the evening he was again honored by the San Francisco



FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT

Presentation of a citation by Dr. O. P. J. Falk, Chairman of the Committee on Awards of the American Medical Association. Left to right: Dr. Falk, Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, Brig. Gen. Eugene Reinartz, Colonel Thomas Hartford.

Press Club at a "Gang Dinner" where he made an off-the-record speech behind the traditional "Black Cat."

His schedule on Wednesday included another visit to the Medical Department exhibit in the morning hours, a press conference in connection with the program to build a National Nurses' Memorial, followed by luncheon at the Fairmont

Hotel and in the early afternoon he received on behalf of the Medical Department an award from the American Medical Association for the excellence of the Army exhibit during the convention.

In the late afternoon he was a guest of the Commanding General and staff of Letterman Hospital at a reception held at the Letterman Club. In the receiving line in addition to

General Kirk were General and Mrs. C. C. Hillman, who greeted the approximately 600 guests who were present to meet the Surgeon General.

General Kirk expressed himself as well pleased with the general excellence of treatment given patients and the high standard of performance of professional duty on the part of the staff.

Patient Receives Distinguished Service Cross

Lt. Howard L. Arnest was decorated by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman with the Distinguished Service Cross during the Independence Day ceremonies held Thursday in the patio at Letterman.

The citation for the award stated that it was presented for "extraordinary heroism in action on 11 January 1945, near Obermunthal, France. With the mission of taking a hill held by a bitterly resisting enemy, Lieutenant Arnest led a daylight attack, and seized the enemy's forward defensive positions. Continuing the attack despite heavy casualties, he inspired his men as they closed with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. Seriously wounded when the enemy brought artillery on the positions, Lieutenant Arnest ordered a withdrawal, but refused to withdraw himself. He remained behind to cover his men until taken prisoner."

After being taken prisoner, he was in a prison camp hospital at Heppenheim, Germany, where, during a three-month period, he lost 60 pounds. The prisoners were liberated 27 March 1945 by the Third Armored Division, and a few days later were evacuated by air to Paris, where they arrived on Easter Sunday, 1945. He is still receiving treatment for the wounds received during the action in France.

Present at the award ceremony were Lieutenant Arnest's wife and their 15-month-old son, Randolph. The Arnest's home is in Steelville, Mo., but Mrs. Arnest and the baby are living here in San Francisco while Lieutenant Arnest is in the hospital.

Lieutenant Arnest entered the service from Cottage Grove, Oregon, the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Arnest.

New Farmers

Approximately 10,000 veterans, some disabled, are training to become skilled farmers in a plan combining classwork with on-the-farm training, the Veterans Administration announces. The program is already in operation in more than 24 states, with enrollment growing daily, it is reported.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS
Is presented by Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman to Lt. Howard L. Arnest for heroism in France.

Vets Adm. to Issue Identification Cards for Amputees

Veterans Administration this week announced that the country's 23,000 amputee veterans will immediately be issued special identification cards.

The laminated wallet-sized cards entitle the veterans to emergency repairs on their artificial limbs at government expense, without prior authority. The cards will bear the amputee's signature and photograph, thus providing him with positive and immediate identification in emergencies requiring medical treatment or other services anywhere in the country.

Robert P. Shields, VA regional manager in San Francisco, announced that the estimated 350 amputees in northern California will be notified by letter during the week. Application for the cards may be made at any VA office. Veterans applying must present four photographs passport size, 1 1/4 x 1 1/4 inches.

The cards do not constitute authority for purchase of new appliances, Shields said, although veterans will continue to have free choice of artificial limbs under the law.

Oakland Regional To Be Veterans' Adm. Hospital

The purchase of an entire city block and the Hotel Oakland for use as a Veterans Administration hospital has been approved by President Truman and the Federal Board of Hospitals, the VA announced this week.

The building, which was converted into a hospital by the Army in February, 1943, and which has been operated as Oakland Regional Hospital, was released by the Army on June 30. The VA will begin operating the 800-bed hospital as soon as adequate personnel can be obtained.

Built in 1912, the hospital and grounds are bounded by 13th and Harrison and 14th and Alice, just three blocks from Oakland's downtown business district. The property is 200x300 feet.

Dr. Forrest G. Bell, VA director of medical services in California, Arizona and Nevada, said the hospital will eventually have a full-time staff of 25 doctors, three dentists and 75 nurses.

Many of the civilian workers employed by the Army will be retained by the Veterans Administration.

AMA Army Exhibit Shows Medical Corps Wartime Advances

A total of 9,373,000 patients were treated in Army hospitals from January 1942 to December 1945, and the Army exhibit at the 95th session of the American Medical Association, held this week at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, reviews the advances and accomplishments of the Army in medicine during these war years.

Every aspect of Army Medical Corps activities is covered in the extensive and detailed exhibits, which show, by means of charts, photographs, films and slides, methods of treatment and details of organization.

An outline of the work of the Education and Training Service of the Office of The Surgeon General points out that that service is responsible for the planning, organization, direction and coordination of all Medical Department training.

The training is done by means of graphic portfolios, recordings, films, moulages (lifelike rubber masks and models of various war wounds used in teaching medical care and first aid), and special exhibits. It is pointed out that the Surgeon General's office coordinates all Medical Department exhibits to assure uniformity, eliminate duplication and prevent the presentation of unauthorized material.

The work of the Army Nurse Corps is described in detail, and indicates the assistance given the Corps in hospitals by enlisted technicians, WACs and nurses' aides.

One exhibit shows the chain of evacuation from overseas hospitals to those in the zone of the Interior.

Exempt

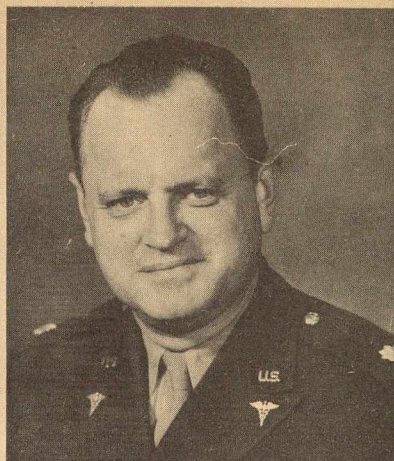
Military mustering-out pay should not be counted as part of annual income when applying for pensions or compensation, the Veterans Administration announces. In providing for mustering-out pay, Congress specifically exempted it from taxes and claims of creditors.

Barry Fitzgerald, who has been a well-loved screen figure ever since "Going My Way," worked for fifteen years during the day as a clerk in the Dublin Board of Trade, and at night he acted with the famed Abbey Players. Says it took him that long to decide which profession to follow.

Successful Candidates for Regular Army Commissions



Lt. Col. WALTER H. MATUSKA
Major, MC



Lt. Col. C. E. COCKS
Major, MC



Lt. Col. R. L. WHITFIELD
Major, MC



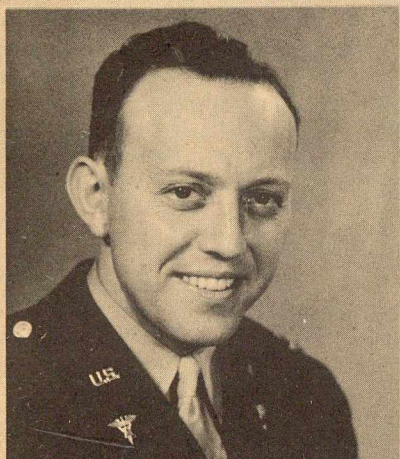
Major ROLAND H. WINGO
Captain, PC



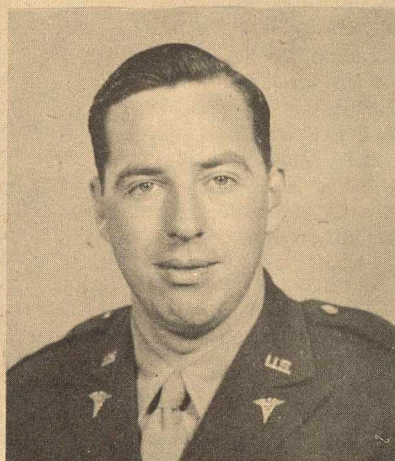
Major GARNET P. FRANCIS
Captain, DC



Major REX P. CLAYTON
Major, PC



Capt. MANLEY G. MORRISON
1st Lieutenant, PC



Capt. JAMES W. HARRISON
Captain, MC



Capt. JOHN R. WILLIAMS
2nd Lieutenant, PC

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME

The successful candidates for commissions in the Regular Army were notified last week of their appointment in the permanent establishment and we of the Old Guard welcome them to our ranks.

The new officers are not men who aspire to wealth or they would have chosen another career. Nor do they long to be in the spotlight of popularity or they would soon learn that it is always "open season" on the officers of the Regular Army.

Now that the "shooting" war is over the army will settle down to the arduous task of holding the organization together until the next "emergency" arises. The appropriations will be cut down to the proverbial shoestring and dummy guns and dummy tanks will before long be all that is available for training the men of the peace time army.

The nation will take on an assumption of security and trust in the Regulars to be ready for whatever may develop. It was ever thus.

Only a man inspired by a deep patriotic fervor would consider the Army as a career, and it is consoling to know that over 100,000 Americans were motivated to apply for commissions in the "Regulars."

We who "have borne the burdens of the day and the heat" for the two decades between world wars hopefully look to the new officers to carry on the traditions of the serv-

WAC

By Bette Byers

Now we are one! The WACs have finally gotten together — which means that another move has been made, and the former Band Box Brigade joined their sisters in the lower WAC area. Guess we can all stand now that we are no longer divided!

T/4 Josephine Jacobs really timed it right when she hit the dime jackpot at the NCO Club just a couple days before payday!

Who says girls don't play rough? Just ask S/Sgt. Mary Hart why she was recently hospitalized for a slight concussion! She'll tell you the details of a smashup meeting on one of the bases during a softball game last week. So glad to see you up and about again, Mary!

One of the first to notice the no-mileage restriction on the newly issued passes was Sgt. Silva Winer, who is now contemplating a trip to see just how far she can go!

They're off again! Recent civilians to wear the discharge button are: Mario Howe, Jean Jamieson, Marie Akers, Blanche Pierce, Hazel Ormord, Lenora Dueling, Jinemae Ireland, Ruth Zimmer, Jimmie Sparlin, and Margaret McConnell. They had 'em, those 21 months of service.

Nine newcomers to the detachment are: T/4 Leola Huffman, T/4 Kathryn Luttringer, T/4 Nellie Smythe, T/4 Barbara Trainor, Cpl. Florence Sammis, T/5 Margaret Birrell, T/5 Eileen Richardson, T/5 Barbara Snell, who arrived from Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park, and last but not least is T/3 Elva Peterson, a former Bushnell General Hospital girl. Welcome!

If you haven't been to the NCO Club for a while, you'll be pleasantly surprised to find it newly furnished. New steward and assistant Sgts. Jim Harmor and Lynn Kempwerth. There are rumors to the effect that the orchestra is really super, with an outstanding pianist. . . The whole new setup is termed "sharp!"

That sparkle in "Cindy" Slay's eyes is due to her trousseau shopping and humming the wedding march.

ice. It will be a full time job for them — and a thankless one.

Republics will always be ungrateful.



By Bette Byers

The street car strike didn't interfere with Captain Elizabeth N. Johnson's leave. She's off to Wisconsin for thirty days via plane. Happy landing, Captain!

The radiant smile of Lieutenant Frances Horr, dietitian, is due to receipt of her orders for the Pacific theatre. Lieutenant Horr is anticipating her journey no farther than Hawaii, her place of enlistment, and that famous word "home."

Mail call brought news from ex-Lieutenant Margaret Becker. She's gloating about her wonderful days spent in southern California. Ranch life has completely won her over, and to date she has purchased two horses and a cocker spaniel. Her letter continues with news of her plans to open a riding academy. All you horse-fiends now know where to spend your next leave!

There's a terrific gleam in the eyes of Lieutenant Miriam Krauch! No wonder . . . her ship's coming in this month. That is both literally and figuratively speaking. . .

Major Verla Thompson surprised her many friends when she visited them in the Nurses' Quarters this week, looking mightily well, happy, and TRIM. If you'll recall, as a Lettermanite Major Thompson monopolized all guaranteed diets without too much success. But now she is 30 pounds slimmer, and her friends are wondering if it could possibly be the heat of Camp Beale, or is it the surroundings that caused the change?

Major Lois Kennison finds it compulsory to sleep all day if she is to sleep at all! There is positively no sleeping at night since the personnel from former Ninth Service Command headquarters have arrived at the Presidio.

To date 10 nurses have attended the Letterman Choral group which meets across from S-1 every Wednesday night. The hours are supposedly from 1900 to 2000, but because everyone has so much fun, they stay on and on. Reports from the nurses who have already attended are that those who have not joined the group don't know what they're missing!

Captain Louise V. Christman, head of Physical Therapy, is mo-

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, July 7, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Veterans Can Get Refunds For Their School Expenses

Veterans who entered school at their own expense while on terminal leave or while in the hospital awaiting discharge before December 28, 1945, may receive refunds for tuition, books and supplies under a Veterans Administration procedure announced this week.

Under the procedure the educational institution will reimburse the veteran and then the VA will pay the refunds to the school.

The veteran must obtain a certified statement from the school he attended giving the period he was enrolled, studies pursued, and amount paid for tuition, books and supplies.

The institution must submit a public voucher showing the amount refunded to the veteran.

The amended Servicemen's Readjustment Act provides a veteran may enter school while on terminal leave or in the hospital awaiting discharge, but he cannot draw subsistence allowances during this period.

VA explained it can make refunds only if the institution in which the veteran was enrolled has been approved by an appropriate state agency.

mentarily expecting orders. Her last date of service here began November '45, but Captain Christman is a true Lettermanite, having served here as physical-therapist from 1937-41, at which time she left to join the staff of Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara. Her many friends wish her the best of luck at her new station, and regret to see her go.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELEANOR TAYLOR KEYS
Technician Fourth Grade

This week a happy anniversary girl was chosen to share a few facts of her life with the detachment. She is T/4 Eleanor Keys, who celebrated her first anniversary at Letterman on June 30.

Eleanor spends her time very enjoyably filling prescriptions behind the counter of the Pharmacy. Without hesitation, she reads those scrawls so foreign to most, and carefully fills bottles and boxes with mysterious drugs. Upon completion of Medical Technician's School at Ft. Oglethorpe, Eleanor was on the road to attending Pharmacy School in Denver when the war ended and such courses were cancelled. So upon becoming a Lettermanite she was assigned to a ward, and put in three whole days before she was transferred, to her disappointment, to the bottle battalion. "What you least expect is sure to come true," and so it is with Eleanor, who now admits she has the best job in all of Letterman.

Prior to enlistment, Eleanor had attended East Tennessee State College in her home town of Johnson City, Tennessee, and received her Bachelor's Degree and certificate for high school teaching. She spurned following in her father and two sister's footsteps by declaring, "Teaching school is the fastest way to go crazy I know of!" Whereupon she began working as a chemical analyst in experimental laboratories of the Eastman Kodak Company.

With a family of four sisters and six brothers, Eleanor requires no hobby to divert her mind from medicine. Our greatest discovery about her is the fact that she has a twin sister!

Future plans are indefinite, but whatever she does, this peach and cream complexioned bachelorette is definitely high up on the "most likely to succeed" list.

Indomitable Fighting Spirit, Material Superiority of Allied Forces Defeated Germany, Eisenhower Says in Report

Washington (CNS)—In a swift-moving, 123-page report on how the war in Europe was won, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower disclosed that Allied power and teamwork clinched the victory in three decisive battles. "The war was won before the Rhine was crossed," Gen. Eisenhower asserted.

Gen. Eisenhower's report was made as Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, to the Combined (Anglo-American) Chiefs of Staff, to whom it was addressed 13 July, 1945.

Reviewing the sweep of his armies from Normandy to the Elbe river, Gen. Eisenhower stressed "our enormous material superiority" and, "more important even than the weapons, . . . the indomitable fighting spirit of the men of the Allied nations who wielded them."

The "three episodes as being the most decisive in insuring victory" were listed as:

(1) The battle of the Normandy beaches, which gave the Allies a foothold on Fortress Europe. Here, the Supreme Allied Commander said, faulty German intelligence, aerial weakness which prevented adequate reconnaissance, and the Nazis' difficulties of supply and communication began to pay off to the Allies.

(2) The battle of the Falaise pocket, where "the enemy showed that fatal tendency to stand and fight when all the logic of war demanded a strategic withdrawal." As a result, the German 7th Army was "ground to pieces and the battle for France was decided among the bloody orchards and hedgerows of Normandy."

(3) The battles west of the Rhine in February and March, 1945, when the enemy again "played into our hands by his insistence upon fighting the battle where he stood," so that "the armies which had been intended to defend Germany were shattered beyond recovery."

The Nazis guessed wrong on D-Day, Gen. Eisenhower said, by holding most of their forces opposite England, waiting for a second assault which never came.

The United States and Britain, Gen. Eisenhower reported, worked "not merely as allies, but as one nation, pooling resources of men and material alike."

The Soviets, however, failed until January, 1945, to provide his headquarters with "information on matters affecting the Russian grand strategy," and later liaison difficulties were experienced as the Allied and Red armies drove toward each other in Germany near the war's close, the report said. But after Pres. Roosevelt obtained from Marshal Stalin a pledge to receive Allied representatives, the Soviets outlined at a

Moscow conference the Red Army plan for a four-pronged drive by 150 to 160 divisions, which turned into a success even greater than expected.

In the later part of the war against Germany, the Allies were using 90 divisions, most of them reinforced by tank, tank destroyer and anti-aircraft units to a strength of 17,000 men each. Their combat efforts were backed by another 3,000,000 uniformed men and women.

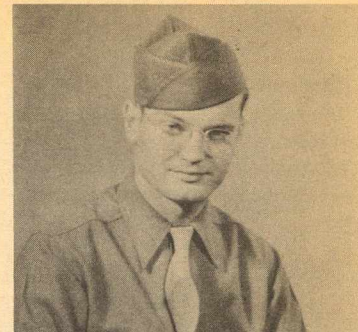
Emphasizing the vital importance of air power, the report pointed out that "In addition we had available nearly 11,000 fighter and bomber airplanes whose mobile fire power could be applied at virtually any point we desired."

To this power was added the striking and strangling force of two formidable naval fleets working as one."

Here's one for the "believe-it-or-not" collection: Anthony Quinn, playing in "Sinbad the Sailor," has to trim his eyelashes daily, on account they grow so long (three-quarters of an inch) that they hide his eyes from the camera. My!



BUCK OF THE WEEK



RICHARD BROWNELL
Private

The only thing that puzzles Dick is why they call them "Private." Reminds him of that old tired gag about living in a goldfish bowl, or even, he says "a soap bubble, which is more perishable." Outside of that, life in the Army gets his O. K.

Dick is used to privacy, even solitude, in his chosen work. He's a motion picture projectionist, and if you've ever tried to drop into the projection booth in a theatre, for exploration purposes, you know it always says "No Admittance."

A native of Lima, Ohio, Dick was graduated from Wayne High School there in 1945. He lost no time in getting under way with his projected projecting (sorry!) He started on the job while still in high school.

And he's continuing with it in the Army. Here at Letterman he's assigned to Special Services, and shows movies on the wards, including the orientation films.

Main topic of conversation with Dick is his hobby. "Look at those twin pipes and that dual carburetor," he says enthusiastically. This goes back to high-school days, when he got interested in "hot rods" on midget racing autos.

He can think of almost nothing he would rather do than spend the day under a "hot hood," or build a car out of nearly nothing. He says that there is no thrill like building your own car and tearing it apart. Could be?

From Mid-West to West Coast is Dick's itinerary for his three months in the Army, and though he likes California, he says he'll be very happy to put on that gray suit and go back to work at the Allen Theatre in Lima.

"I see she's off the gold standard again."

"Meaning?"

"She let her hair get dark."

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Those dark glasses worn by "Seb" Malignaggi of the Radiological Branch last week were not for the purpose of maintaining an incognito. "Seb" suffered an eye injury when she came too close to a door, and two stitches were necessary.

A week of rainy weather in Seattle didn't keep Mary Hudnutt from enjoying her vacation there with her family. She made the trip by plane, and says that added a lot of thrills to the journey.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Relda Teague, laboratory technician in the Dental Branch, who is home on sick leave.

Her co-workers in Radiological Branch will miss Mildred Hensley, and so will her many other friends in the hospital. She left last week for her home in Tennessee. Mildred's itinerary will take her to Medford, Oregon, for a week, then to Balboa Beach in Southern California, to visit her brothers, and lastly, home to Cooksville, Tenn.

Vacation time is still with us, and Mary Lerner of Dental Branch left this week to spend hers at Hoberg's, in Lake County. She says the biggest percentage of her time will be spent in the super swimming pool there.

Myrtle Woods, having finished shopping for vacation clothes, took off for Lake Tahoe. Fishing and swimming head her list of outdoor activities.

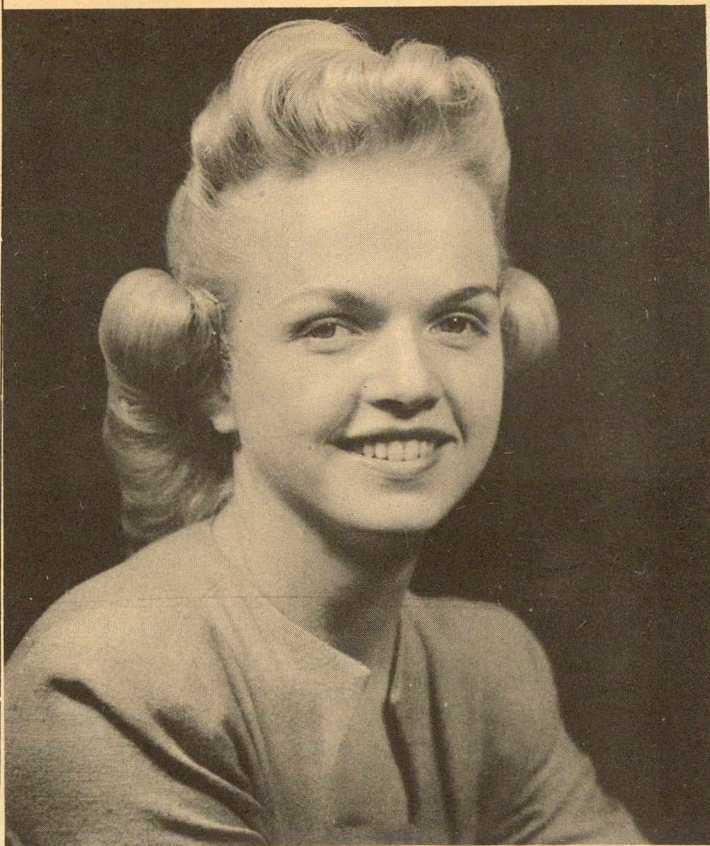
Joan Edlin, formerly on duty in the Pathology Section, is now at Mt. Zion Hospital, but she was seen in the PX during her lunch hour the other day, enjoying one of Letterman's famous milkshakes.

We were sorry to see Marian Lee-bens, hygienist, leave us last week. She transferred to the Veterans' Administration.

"I fly through the air with the greatest of ease," thought Pat Mock-bee last Saturday as she took a header from her horse when it shied on the bridle path. She found that the "greatest of ease" applied only to the time in the air, but at that she recovered without bruises or injuries.

In a rage of indignation, the leading lady remarked about a fellow star: "I knew her when she didn't know where her next husband was coming from."

ARMY OR NAVY MRS. DOROTHY FLUID OF RECEIVING OFFICE IS A DREAM



Mrs. DOROTHY FLUID
... dream come true.

Like an atomic bomb, Mrs. Dorothy Fluid doesn't strike like an explosion, but the effect is nonetheless terrific. One of the few beautifully natural blue-eyed blondes, Dorothy attributes her fairness to her Irish and English forefathers.

Sacramento and Vallejo shared Dorothy until she completed Vallejo High School and sought bigger and better cities . . . namely San Francisco. Letterman was chosen because her sister, Ruth Johnston, had worked here for three years and was completely a Lettermanite. It's catching! Dorothy followed in her sister's footsteps to the extent of working in the same department. . . Sick and Wounded Office . . . and even explored others . . . the Service Record Section, finally being assigned to the Receiving Office, where she works on the bed report. Although patients don't see Dorothy once they are assigned to wards, their first impression at Letterman is that much better for having seen a vision of a slim blonde creature in pastel shades looking for all the

world like a dream come true of the girl they would most like to go home to. Dorothy celebrated her third anniversary as a Lettermanite on June 30th.

Prior to her position here, Dorothy attended Cosmotology School in Sacramento, received her license, and immediately proceeded to ignore the whole business.

Her likes run toward dogs, reading biographies . . . not too many . . . clicking the lens, tennis, golf, piano players, and the fascinating atmosphere of a hospital. She admits that she plays the piano herself, but only for her own amusement.

In spite of all the charming things about Dorothy, there is one drawback . . . she's a Navy girl. Her father was a Chief Warrant Officer for 30 years, and her sister was a Wave, and to add to the horrible story, Dorothy lived on a Navy base near Belvedere. However, she came through the rugged deal in very good style, and no one would ever guess the gruesome facts seeing her surrounded by khaki.

Star-Gazing

As a result of one of those polls that seem to be constantly under way, Bing Crosby has come out on top as the favorite vocalist of the American occupation troops in Europe. The poll showed Frank Sinatra in second place, followed by Vaughn Monroe and the King Cole Trio.

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Alan Ladd is working on plans to found a trust fund for the purchase of wheelchairs for wounded veterans.

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Glenn Ford's birthday gift from his wife, Eleanor Powell, was a custom-built pipe rack large enough to hold all of the 135 pipes Ford has collected during the last eight years. And that's a lot of pipes! He's probably working up to the point where he'll have one for every day in the year.

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Rather than have her ears pierced so that she could wear some antique South American earrings in "Thrill Brazil," Evelyn Keyes turned the earrings upside down and attached them with Scotch tape.

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Although Shirley Temple is working on a picture titled "Honkeymoon," she still finds time to cook breakfast and dinner for her new husband, Jack Agar, and also to do most of her own marketing, it says here.

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If the star in the film happens to be allergic to straw, and there's a haystack in the picture, it seems they use straw made of cellophane. Wonderful world, isn't it?

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Marc Platt, dancing with Rita Hayworth in "Down to Earth," says he'll be glad to get back to modern roles again. He has to have his hair curled for a classic Greek ballet sequence in the film. Result: He spends an hour each morning in the hairdressing department, getting the curl job.

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Harold Russell, handless veteran who is playing a prominent role in "The Best Years of Our Lives," still uses the wrist watch he was wearing when he was wounded. The watch was found near the scene where a charge of TNT exploded in Russell's grasp. It was still running and the crystal was intact.

MEDICAL DETACH

About the beach party at Stinson Beach last week—the trip there was 26 miles over a very scenic route; the trip back, due to the bus driver's knowledge of a short cut, was 86 miles. This may or may not have been due to the fact that the picnic wiener roast turned out to be a bologna roast (said to be the only one in recorded history).

First Sgt. Charles Cooper has returned from Texas, and was seen this week passing out Good Conduct medals in the wards.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz returned from furlough, but has left again. We miss having him around.

Pvt. Robert Osman, just back from that glamorous occasion, his honeymoon, is going around with that "Isn't it a wonderful life" look in his eye.

Welcomed back to the fold this week was Pvt. Richard Doyle, who returned to his job in Information and Orientation from Siberia (KP).

Pvt. Jewel Morace is back from his Louisiana furlough, rarin' to get back on the job.

Congrats to T/5's Lloyd Woodbury and James Bernhard on their promotions. Got the stripes sewed on yet?

Pfc. James Goodman was just seen to float through the office at least six times above the floor. It's a bouncing six pound boy to welcome him home.

Don't forget the Detachment Dance next Wednesday, July 10. Floor show, dancing, and food. Bring your dates, come early and stay late.

Did you read "I Saw the Fall of the Philippines" by Carlos R. Romulo? There is now a sequel by the same author, entitled appropriately enough, "I See the Philippines Rise." It is more than the story of the General; it is the story of the spirit of the Philippine people, of the problems they have overcome, and of the problems they still have to face. Included in the narrative is the personal saga of Romulo's own family, left behind on Bataan and living with the guerrillas until our forces returned. In the Library.

Father—"Remember, my boy, beauty is only skin deep."

Son—"That's deep enough for me—I ain't no cannibal!"

IF YOU WANT THE ANSWER, ASK "BOB" BERGEN, LETTERMAN SERGEANT MAJOR



Master Sergeant ROBERT F. BERGEN
Never heard of a 40-hour week!

The man who "rules the roost"—in keeping with the best traditions of the Army—at Letterman is the Sergeant Major. He does the spade work for the intricate administrative processes connected with the operation of a general hospital and when the sergeant major knows his job the adjutant and the executive officer are very happy men.

Master Sergeant Robert F. Bergen is the Sergeant Major for Letterman and everyone will agree that he knows his job. Even Tech. Sgt. "Bill" Murphy, down in Medical Supply, his most ardent detractor, thinks Bob is in a class by himself.

Sgt. Bergen began life in Brooklyn but has lived down all the implications inherent in that locality. His seventeen years in the Regular Army have given him a breadth of view that allows as how there could be other good cities in this country. His four years at Letterman before and during the early days of the war convinced him that there is no place like LGH.

He left us in March 1943 to help organize Oakland Area Station Hospital and stayed until it became a regional hospital. When the commanding officer—Colonel McEvers—left there to take over command of Billings General Hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana, Sgt. Bergen went along to lend his skill and knowledge to that outfit. He stayed there until Colonel McEvers moved down to Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis and then Bob decided it was about time to return to Letterman.

We do not know how he manages to do it but he can cite army regulations down to sub-paragraphs and his memory of current local orders is quite amazing. He gets to his desk long before any of his staff and each night he carries home a great stack of material to be read and digested for the following day's work. He never heard of a 40-hour week.

When you wish to know anything don't "Ask Mr. Foster"—call up Master Sergeant Bergen.

Anything For A Laugh

Love makes the world go round, but then so does a good swallow of tobacco juice.

Mother, to daughter coming home at 3 a. m.—"Where have you been until this time of night?"

Daughter—"Walking home."

Mother—"For goodness sake!"

Daughter—"Yes, mother!"

Familiarity breeds attempt.

Baseball rules are sometimes wrong, if applied to girls. Girls who get to first base with the GIs are always out; while those who never make a hit are safe at home.

The three balls in front of pawnshops means that two to one you won't get your stuff back again.

That same old rookie saluted a truck driver the other day because his van read "General Hauling."

She was only a gravedigger's daughter, but you ought to see her lower the beer.

Selecting draftees for the branch of service for which they are best fitted is sometimes difficult. Take the case of the guy who was so dumb he could only count to ten.

"Where did you place him?"

"We sent him around to different camps to referee boxing bouts."

When a GI breaks a date, he usually has to. When a WAC breaks a date, she usually has two.

Sometimes a pinch of salt can be improved by dropping it into a glass of beer.

Sgt.: "Did you shave this morning?"

Rookie: "Yes, sir."

Sgt.: "Well, next time stand closer to the razor."

Then there was the girl who slapped the fortune teller when she smiled at her, because she always wanted to strike a happy medium.

An MP is a talent scout for the guardhouse.

Have you heard about the naval officer on watch aboard ship who got angry about something, rushed to the speaking tube and yelled to one of the men below:

"Is there a blithering idiot at the end of this tube?"

"Not at this end, sir," came the reply.



By Sgt Mervin J Hartman

Louis "Bobo" Newsom, vaudeville's greatest loss, has returned to Washington for a fourth stint with Clark Griffith's Senators.

One of the master showmen in the baseball world, Bobo's flamboyant personality and disposition to regard himself as an unrecognized genius with a high hard one has caused many a manager to trade him off with a sigh of relief. However, in his younger years, Bobo was frequently able to match his conversation with performance, and this always took a lot of doing indeed.

Followers of the national pastime will not soon forget that memorable 1940 World Series between Detroit and Cincinnati. Pacing the Tiger mound corps with more than 20 victories for the season, Old Bobo just naturally pitched the initial contest and just naturally won it. After the game, amidst a flock of writers and photographers, he admitted that the series was as good as over. Subduing a yawn, Bobo blandly stated that he'd "win two more."

However, Bobo's strutting was tragically forestalled, for his father who had come up from the South for the series died unexpectedly. Deeply shocked and hurt, he delayed his appearance until the fifth game. "I'll win this for the old man," he told the newsmen, and that he did, for he hurled a brilliant 3-hit shutout.

And then with but one day's rest, he came back and pitched the final and deciding game. It took Paul Derringer at his best to turn him back, 2 to 1.

Lloyd Mangrum, ex-GI Purple Heart hero, who copped golfdom's coveted prize, the National Open, in one of the most thrilling finishes the links classic has ever witnessed, moved into the class with Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan in money earned and gate appeal.

The Texas-born shotmaker, who won the title after a double play-off with Vic Ghezzi and Byron Nelson that was finished in a raging thunderstorm and semi-darkness, is already collecting dividends. Mangrum signed a contract with Chicago's Tam O' Shanter Club to represent it in future tournaments. This should net him about \$10,000. At the same time he collected a bonus of \$5,000 from the golf equipment manufacturer he represents, another \$2,000 to appear in a coming tourney and \$3,000 for advertising endorsements.

Not bad for a wounded veteran who spent many months in hospitals in Europe and returned to the game upon discharge.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. So great has been the enrollment at Stanford University since V-J Day that applications for admission are being accepted only for the winter quarter, opening 6 January 1947. Quoting the Stanford Registrar: "All applications and credentials to be considered for this winter quarter should be in our hands not later than 1 November 1946. If you are interested in applying for this or a later term, we shall be glad to send information and application blanks upon request."

2. Officer patients about to be retired or released to inactive service due to physical disability may have questions concerning pension, retirement, terminal promotions, and separation procedures. For information about these subjects and the AR references, see the Separation Classification and Counseling offices in Room 17, basement of Receiving Office. Bed patients may make appointments by calling extension 2089.

3. Sgt. Julia Duke, recently arrived at LGH from Pasadena Regional Hospital, will conduct the Typing Classes in Room 1, Bldg. 1049, during the summer months, while the regular San Francisco Board of Education teacher is vacationing in Marin County.

4. Ward 12 boasts the "most musical" group of patients—enthusiastically participating in the musical activities program. Major Morse, Major Barrs, Lt. Henderson, and Lt. Abrahamson diligently "tickle the ivories" in the piano study group, while Capt. Salazarie's basso profundo makes an interesting background in the LGH chorus.

5. Speaking of singing, Harriet Bakin, instructor, is delighted with the gratifying response from the nurses to the request for more sopranos and altos. The chorus rehearses every Wednesday evening at 1900 in Room II, Bldg. 1049.

6. Congratulations to three more June graduates who were certificated for high school diplomas on the completion of GED tests: Pfc. Mabel Huni, Bremerton High School, Bremerton, Washington; Pvt. Gerald McDannels, Beverly High School, Beverly, West Virginia; Pfc. Norbert Volbert, Melrose High School, Melrose, Minnesota.

Ground Force Still Major War Factor

Washington (CNS)—The ground soldier will play a major role in any future war, Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Army Ground Forces Commander, declared as he envisioned a "Buck Rogers" type of warfare in which airborne infantrymen, backed by atomic guided missiles controlled by ground soldiers, will plunge into hostile territory and destroy the enemy's atomic weapons at the source of manufacture.

Gen. Devers revealed his conception of the radically changed role of the doughboy as the War Department announced appointment of Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand as head of the newly created Research and Development Division of the General Staff. As such, he will be responsible for devising the new weapons which the AGF commander envisaged.

World peace depends upon the United States' ability to maintain an army that could "move in" instantly on any nation causing war, in Gen. Devers' opinion.

The Ground Forces, he said, are "looking to the future" and will be entirely different from the land armies of the past, he declared. Ground soldiers will use guided missiles, possibly combined with atomic energy; electronics, and all other new developments.

If another war started, the burden of getting at the enemy would fall on the ground troops, the general declared, because the Air Forces could not harm enemy plants far underground, and "the Navy can't even fly an atomic bomb." Hence, the ground soldier would be flown and dropped—although with probable terrific casualties—on the enemy's atomic energy plants to destroy them at the source.

Losses would be reduced, however, because the Army has developed a new protective cloth for soldiers that "will stop a bullet," according to Gen. Devers. He said it would be especially valuable against glancing shell fragments. Other officers described it as a step beyond the metallic body armor used by airmen.

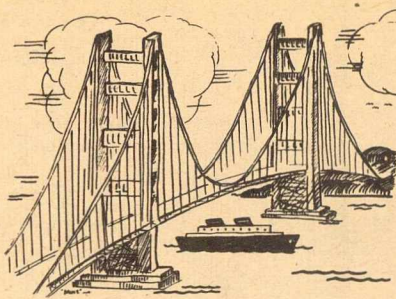
Another major change in Ground Forces will be in the artillery arm. Artillery as now known, the general said, will be replaced by another weapon—"either an entirely new kind of gun or a guided missile." AGF already has had staff conferences on revolutionizing artillery and now is holding discussions on radical changes in infantry tactical concepts.

Gen. Aurand as head of the Research and Development Division holds a new post on the General Staff, created by Gen. Eisenhower to coordinate all scientific developments.



SITTING PRETTY

The femme with the magnetic "personality" is (as if you didn't know) movie star Ginger Rogers, who recently completed "Heartbeat" for RKO-Radio release.



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New Army Pay Raises Became Effective July 1

The pay raise for Army personnel which became effective July 1, 1946, carries the following pay rates for enlisted personnel:

Private, \$75.00; private first class, \$80.00; corporal, \$90.00; sergeant, \$100.00; staff sergeant, \$115.00; technical sergeant, \$135.00; master sergeant or first sergeant, \$165.00.

This raise is authorized by an Act approved June 29, 1946, which further amends the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 as amended, to provide pay increases for personnel of the Army.

The raise of officer personnel is 20 per cent for lieutenants; 15 per cent for captains, and 10 per cent for all higher ranks.

Under the new pay scale the following monthly retirement income for enlisted personnel will prevail:

For 20 years' service: Private, \$48.75; private first class, \$52.00; corporal, \$58.50; sergeant, \$65.00; staff sergeant, \$74.75; technical sergeant, \$87.75; master sergeant, or first sergeant, \$107.25.

For 30 years' service: Private, \$84.38; private first class, \$90.00; corporal, \$101.25; sergeant, \$112.50; staff sergeant, \$129.38; technical sergeant, \$151.88; master sergeant, or first sergeant, \$185.63.

The information received from the War Department states that "Retired enlisted men heretofore or hereafter retired with credit for 30 years service and who served beyond the continental limits of the United States, between 1898 and 1912, such service having been computed under previous laws as double time toward retirement,



Colonel JOHN D. LAMON, JR., MC
Who will relinquish his post as Chief of the Surgical Service
this week to return to civil life.

shall be entitled to the maximum retired pay now provided for the grade in which retired.

"All items of pay which are com-

puted as a percentage of base pay will be computed on the new base pay rates. Other items of pay and allowances remain unchanged."

Civilian Personnel Functions Now Handled Here

Processing of civilian employees of Letterman General Hospital and the Hospital Train Unit is now being handled by Civilian Personnel Branch at Letterman. Until this month the work has been done by the personnel office at the Presidio.

Turnover in personnel, which during the war was sometimes as high as 20 per cent, is now running 8 to 10 per cent, and is decreasing, according to Ray V. Shine, Chief of Civilian Personnel.

Authorized strength for civilian employees here is now in excess of 1300. This has made necessary the transfer of employees from other sections to the rolls of the Civilian Personnel Branch to take care of the increased work load.

The employees who handle the work of the various sections of the branch are:

Chief, Raymond V. Shine; Administrative, Mary M. Bensen, Joyce O. Brodie, Pearl Robillard, Doris Peters; Recruitment and Placement, Esther J. Grobler; Training, Warren J. Conlin; Classification and Wage Administration, Vern Shores; Employee Relations, Louis Strohecker, Florence Corral, Nancy Austin; Payroll, Ruth E. Jensen, Helen G. Lund, Hazel Nelson, Lila St. Peters, Lee Neta Woodward.

Convention Guests

Twenty patients from Letterman were convention guests at the three-day 25th annual state convention of the Disabled American Veterans, held this week in San Francisco at the Veterans' War Memorial Building.

Veterans Tell of Conditions Found in Search for Jobs

The question "What is happening to the discharged veteran in his search for a job?" is answered in this comprehensive report, by Lt. David Shaw of the Separation Counseling Section at Letterman, of a recently completed survey.

In the first two or three months after their return to civilian life, most of the men discharged from the Army in July, 1945, made a good start toward carrying out the job and career plans they had formulated while in the service.

About four-fifths obtained jobs within three months of discharge. This period included vacations averaging a little less than a month.

These are findings of a survey of 1812 men discharged from the Army at four separation centers. The survey was made after they had been civilians for from two to four months, and the follow-up actually reached 92 per cent of the men.

Analysis of a selected sample of men who were personally interviewed established that findings for the men reached by mail could safely be generalized for the entire group. These July discharges approximated a cross-section of the enlisted men released from the Army for other than medical reasons during the months between victory in Europe and the surrender of Japan.

Job turnover was high among these veterans. Nearly a fifth had tried and left at least one job at the time they answered the follow-up questionnaire, and another tenth verged upon leaving the jobs they then held.

On the whole, the men returned to jobs at about the same skill level as those they had left to enter the Army, despite the fact that many had felt confident they could upgrade themselves immediately after discharge. There was widespread disappointment with wage scales, largely because many men had been impressed with the stories of tremendous civilian earnings while they were in service.

School attendance by July discharges was relatively low, because these were older men, few of whom had entered the Army from school. Nevertheless, there was greater interest in full-time education after discharge than before, and the number attending school or planning to attend at the time of the follow-up exceeded the number who had expressed definite plans to attend while in the Army.



PLANNING RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE
Are Cpl. Wesley Tudsbury of Holbrook, Mass., and M/Sgt. D. J. Rubie of Los Angeles, Calif. Lt. David Shaw of Separation Counseling at Letterman is answering their questions.

Self-employment in non-agricultural enterprises, on the other hand, did not reach the level predicted by the men's plans while yet in service, and did not seem likely to attain this level for some time.

Shortages of materials and problems of financing a business establishment deterred many men who tried to get started in businesses of their own.

Farming likewise employed fewer men than had stated that they planned to farm, but the interval between discharge and the follow-up was too short, and the possibility of seasonal variation too great, to judge whether farming plans would in time be carried out or whether men were shifting to non-agricultural employment.

Looking back at the anticipation and expectations with which they returned to civilian status, one man in three said he had carried out his job plans, and one in six still expected to carry them out. Thus at least half of the men sustained their plans and were really optimistic that they would realize them. Another fourth reported that they had not made any definite plans prior to discharge. The remaining fourth had either tried unsuccessfully to carry out their plans or had changed plans after looking around in their home communities. These were the men least well satisfied

with the conditions they found upon returning to civilian status.

Chief among the difficulties which prevented veterans from carrying out their plans were economic conditions and attendant problems. Half of the men who failed to carry out their plans mention reasons relating to the economic situation.

Within one month after the discharge of most of the men in this group, V-J Day brought a sharp cut in jobs in war industry. The disappearance of expected opportunities in war industry, moreover, was not accompanied by any immediate improvement in the availability of materials and equipment for new business enterprises. Inflated prices made many types of work seem far less attractive than they had been before the war. They also made it more difficult to arrange loans under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.

Personal problems arising out of illnesses, accidents or family difficulties, and re-examination of personal qualifications, affected about one-third of the veterans who failed to carry out their plans.

The findings of the survey indicate the importance of obtaining as thorough and realistic a knowledge as possible of post-war conditions, so that plans made before leaving the service may be realized upon return to civilian life.

Insurance Guarantee Due Within 2 Years Of Vets' Discharge

Less than 10 percent of the 85,000 veterans who asked the government to guarantee their private life insurance policies while they were in the armed forces have taken any action to withdraw the guarantee, the Veterans Administration reported this week.

Under the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act the Veterans Administration guaranteed more than \$220,000,000 of private life insurance. The act offers policyholders the opportunity to keep a maximum of \$10,000 of their life insurance in force while they are in the service and for two years after discharge without paying current premiums.

Arrangements must be made within two years from the date of a veteran's separation from the service to pay any indebtedness created while the government guarantee was in force. If the veteran does not pay the back premiums and interest the insurance company will treat the amount due as a policy loan.

If the cash value of the policy is less than the amount due, the policy will terminate and the government will pay the insurance company the difference between the amount due and the cash surrender value.

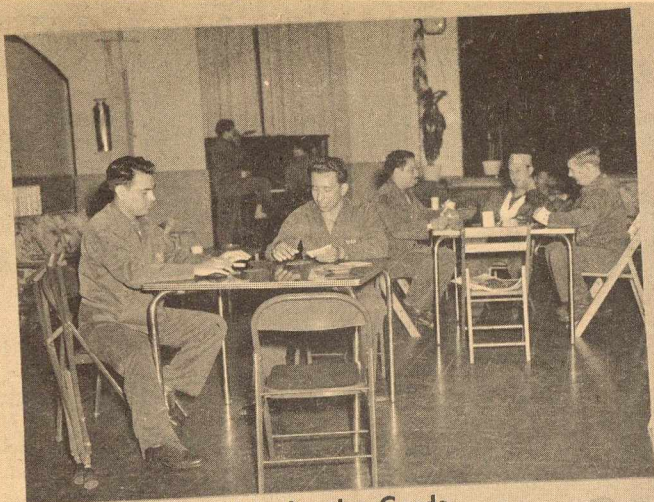
VA paid a total of 718 such claims up to May 1, the settlements totaling \$80,923. The government considers this amount as a debt due the United States by the policyholders.

Lt. R. Kobilak Is Altar Bound

First Lieutenant Richard E. Kobilak, on duty in F-1, will eliminate his name from the bachelor's list this evening at 5 o'clock. At that time he will be altar bound with Miss Mary Elizabeth Schantz of Rochester, New York, in the Post Chapel. Chaplain (Captain) George Connaughton will officiate.

Following the ceremony the couple will be toasted by a small group of friends at the St. Francis Hotel. During his five day leave, Lieutenant Kobilak and his bride will visit Yosemite and Lake Tahoe, then return to make their new home in San Francisco.

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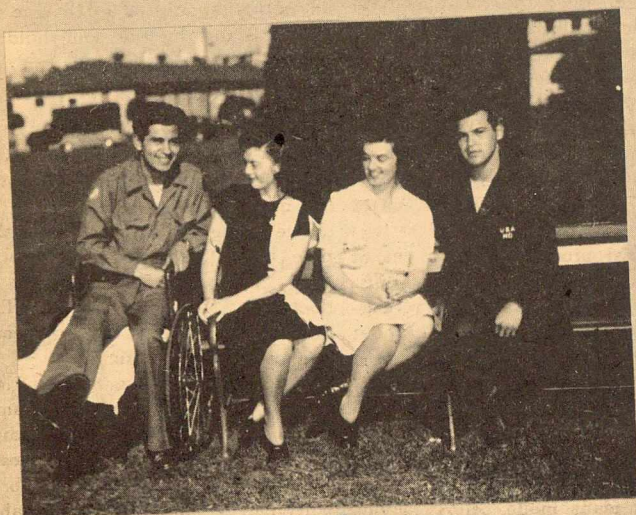
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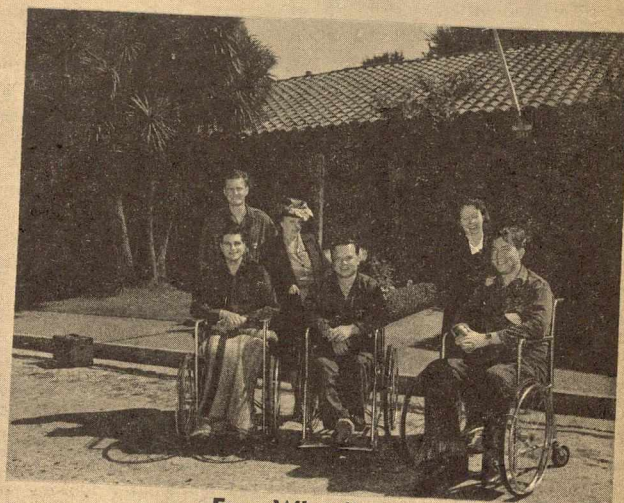
Now That His Arm Is Out of the Cast...



The Surgeon General Visits the Wards



Sunny Day Foursome



Free Wheeling

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

YOUR FUTURE

Investing in your own future is a sound idea. During the war we were urged to buy U. S. Savings Bonds to "Back the Attack." Now that the war is over, there is still a strong reason for investing in these bonds. By doing so you will be backing your own future.

Purchase of these bonds provides a concrete means of saving for that nebulous thing that occupies such an important place in our thoughts—the future. The Treasury Department has chosen "Back Your Future" as the national slogan for its postwar campaign to sell U. S. Savings Bonds.

The bonds are readily negotiable in case of emergency, but since they are constantly increasing in value while they are held by the buyer, there is a definite reason for keeping them until a real necessity arises, instead of using the money for trivial expenditures.

The Savings Bonds may be purchased either for cash or through payroll deductions—the latter method being considered the simplest and most efficient way of saving, mainly because it is sure to be continuously maintained.

When civilian personnel functions were transferred from the Presidio personnel office to Letterman General Hospital, payroll deductions were cancelled. Personnel are urged to contact the Savings Bond office, room 215, Administration Building at Letterman, to make

WAC

By Bette Byers

The best rooter for our baseball team is T/5 Ingrid Slaasted, who just returned from a 30-day sick leave spent in Racine, Wisconsin. Ingrid had a good chance to renew acquaintances with her three brothers, all ex-servicemen whom she hasn't seen for some time. Now that she has returned, she never fails to appear on the sidelines of a game, and cheer the softball team on to victory until her foot is completely healed and she can again participate in the activity.

T/4 Betty Ryan and T/5 Aurell Kruger went on a sight-seeing tour of Los Angeles this past weekend via auto. Through Earl Carroll's doors (which read "Through these portals pass the most beautiful women of the world,") the two girls marched and claim it was one of the biggest thrills of the weekend. They also took in Santa Monica . . . coming back with a night club tan.

T/5 Opal Wells is back again after a 30-day furlough. The most exciting part of her trip was the ride in the army plane she managed to get from Fairfield to Topeka, Kansas, on her way home . . . Knoxville, Tennessee. It was a letdown to return via the rails. She saw her brother whom she hasn't seen in three years.

T/4 Margaret Riordon and T/5 Cleo Marvel made it a dual 20-day furlough to Phoenix, Arizona, and Los Angeles. They are both trying to face down-to-earth daily tasks. It was Marge's first trip to L.A. and it was thoroughly enjoyed. Being a true WAC, Marge claims she enjoyed eating at Clifton's Restaurant better'n anything! While there the girls bumped into Lucille Pearce, former Letterman WAC, who toured them around Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Besides all this, the girls managed to save enough time to see several broadcasts at Hollywood's lovely broadcasting studios.

It was a special presentation to T/5 Margaret Whitacre when on her way to the July 4th Presentation Ceremony at the patio Marge received a telegram. She discovered she was a brand new aunt, and is celebrating her first niece's arrival.

sure that payroll deductions are properly renewed.

Back your future with U. S. Savings Bonds!



By Bette Byers

Lieutenant Adele Zukas has taken up the horses! No, she's not a gambler, but she is taking riding lessons on how to sit on an English saddle when it's in motion and stay there! Her teacher is Mrs. Marion Shaver, teacher of patients at Letterman, and whose husband was a former cavalry officer. Overcoming her fright of horses, Lieut. Zukas is determined to learn how to become the perfect rider and finds her new hobby fascinating.

If nurses are seen walking slowly around the ramps nursing tender muscles they no doubt participated in the picnic and hiking group who bussed it to Mt. Tamalpais yesterday. They discovered what was on the other side of the mountain!

Lettermanites who are now our neighbors are: Captain Mary G. Lohr, Captain Elizabeth Foster, Lieutenants Lois E. Azevedo, Grace M. Boggess, Florence O. Booth, Margene Brown, Dolores M. Campbell, Alda J. Enrico, Lauretta Farinella, Marjorie Heaser, Ruby Lien, Margaret C. Sweeney, Mary E. Uhlenburg, Catherine Wambeke, and Florence Warner.

Lieutenant Vida Buehler, who replaced Captain Louise V. Christman as Head Physical Therapist this week is a Lettermanite from 'way back. As a civilian, Lieut. Buehler served as physiotherapist, first in 1929, and later in 1933 until 1936. She returned again in 1938 and since that time has visited friends here often. She received her commission in the Army in 1943 and barely had time to orient herself when she was shipped overseas. She saw duty in New Guinea, Biak and Manila, returning to the United States November '45. Since that time Lieut. Buehler has made an extensive tour of Army general hospitals, including Walter Reed, Percy Jones and Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. She feels qualified to adopt San Francisco as her home town, with present address being the Dante Nurses' Quarters. Welcome back!

Congratulations to Lieutenant Lola Prestwich on her promotion from gold to silver! Lieut. Prestwich, who now works in surgery, is a recent arrival from Dibble General Hospital.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, July 14, 1946

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Disability Claims Are Decreasing

A total of 13,319 claims for disability pensions or compensation filed by World War II veterans were adjudicated during June by the San Francisco regional office of the Veterans Administration, Col. Thomas J. Cross, VA chief here, reported this week.

On June 30, pending disability claims totaled 10,154 compared with 20,225 at the end of May and 29,926 at the end of April.

The peak in demobilization of the armed forces was passed in February and in March an all-time high of 21,225 new claims were filed by Northern California veterans. Only 3,152 new claims were filed in June.

With the end of the school year the number of veterans in education or training status at the end of June fell to 24,383 from 25,271 at the end of May.

Certificates of eligibility to enter school or take on-the-job training issued by VA offices in California, Arizona and Nevada now total 216,044 compared to 175,140 at the end of May.

Wedding Bells

On Friday, July 5, in the study of officiating minister, Dr. Mario Goldstein, T/4 Josephine S. Jacobs and M/Sgt William Porter exchanged wedding vows. Sgt. Porter is a regular army man now, connected with the Signal Corps of the Sixth Army, and has already served 26 years in Uncle Sam's service. First Sgt. R. H. Glenn and his wife, M/Sgt. Opal Borders Glenn, stood up with the couple who added their names to the list of recent honeymooners. They will make their home on the Post.

WAC OF THE WEEK



SONIA DOAN
Technician Fifth Grade

From Hollywood T/5 Sonia Doan competently managed to come out with the best: poise, amusing and witty conversation, the right touch of self-confidence, and personality plus that undefinable quality . . . glamour, and yet leave behind her the undesirable features too often developed when competition is too keen.

Any girl would give a million to study under the direction of Irene of Hollywood . . . except Sonia, who was an apprentice commercial designer and model under the famous Irene. Sonia has not worn a dress designed by anyone but herself for the past four years . . . until she slipped on the khaki uniform she now models so well. She describes her entrance into the gaiety of social whirls where she modeled gowns so that they were seen by the "right" people. "I was scared to death constantly and never walked into a room when my knees didn't knock like a Spanish dancer's castanets." The only way she could muster up poise was to think "Will I like them?" instead of "Will these people like me?" . . . a good tip for some of us.

Sonia regards those gay days of Hollywood as superfluous since joining the WAC. The operating room where she worked until recently replaced an ornate designer's office, and she is more impressed with her last station, Bushnell General Hospital, than any corner of her former life. Amputees are her favorite people.

There's another side to Sonia which is hidden. She loves to reel off poetry, sing light opera as she putters around the barracks, participate in water ballets, and detests people who do not have a direct goal in their lives.

Her pet peeve is soap box operas,

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Ed Seifert of E-2 speaks of matrimonial intentions! She's a '47 model and a Pennsylvania girl. The blank look he is sporting is due to the fact that the would-be lucky girl is 'way back in her home town and Ed doesn't think his wheel chair will stand the trip. If you can't locate him on his ward, he's in the nearest phone booth!

On E-1 in room 2 is William Ahlberg who is laying down the calcium and is not too happy about it either! Like the "King in the counting room" Bill takes time out every now and then to count the loose silver, but he can't be bothered with pennies. Like "Pennies from Heaven," he just lets them fall where they may . . . and that is literally speaking!

Charles Watson of ward F-1, ranch owner, has not had any of his luxurious routines upset since he entered Letterman. He can easily be identified as the man with the paper . . . he keeps up to the minute on what's what in these Eeunited States.

What will F-1 do now that its photogenic Raymond Fieth has left? Publicity will be nil for Ray has been the face seen on posters for the wheel chair drive, AMA, and 'On the Sunny Side of the Patien.' That boy gets around! Maybe Ray was driven away . . . when he was recently visited by his heartbeat, his room-mate Calvin Puckett, who NEVER can be found in his room, wouldn't leave Ray's side . . . All proving that the word "private" in the Army is always two-legged.

Benned Brownell of C-45 and Joseph "Bud" Vierra of F-2 bumped into each other at the PX Grill re-

singing commercials and radio babble. Sonia claims we are supposed to be a very intelligent people and yet radio treats the public as a juvenile. Her aim is to study advertising with an eye toward radio where she can be heard and not seen, and plan advertising campaigns which appeal to intelligence.

Sonia attended Pomofna Junior Colleg and majored in "conglomeration," but her father was, among other things, a psychiatrist . . . Sonia comes by it naturally. You can't fool her.

cently. Nothing unusual about that except that the boys had enlisted in the Signal Corps Reserve in 1942, spent one year of Enlisted Reserve School together, plus four months of basic training at Miami, and then followed through with Radar School at Camp Murphy, West Palm Beach, Florida. By this time they were pretty solid buddies until Ben toured the South Pacific for almost two years and Joe fought the battle of Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Neither knew the whereabouts of the other . . . until they became victims of the PX crush hour. It was a terrific reunion and the world again became smaller!

Friends of Don "Shorty" Artimez of E-2 claim he is well on the way to recovery and once again is heard. He claims ward E-2 will have reveille and retreat now, with Shorty himself acting first sergeant. That we'll have to see!

Put this in your pipe and smoke it! Norman Greer of ward 31 is the proud possessor of an Austrian pipe of 1761 . . . a very ornate puffing machine it is, too! Norman claims it's as good as new . . . well, anyway it still smokes, even if Norman can't compare it to its original days. Putting Webster aside, this bright lad takes the blue ribbon for inventing words. His latest for people who are on the outs is "platonic relationship!" (Due to the pipe, don'tcha think???)

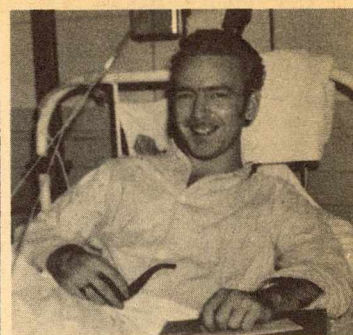
Luis Serpas is our latest citizen, receiving his papers just this week. Congratulations, Luis! By the way, it's rumored that you did a magnificent job in entertaining the boys on the wards with that guitar and scrooning.

Results of a visit to the new arrivals from Bushnell resulted in the next few paragraphs which ought to acquaint the east with the west, (hospital wards, that is!)

On ward 40 Lemar Horner unconsciously possesses one of those effective Pierre Aumont smiles. Maybe that's the reason a certain ambulance driver takes time out to do some special chauffeuring of his wheel chair, hmmm? Or would you say that is included in her military license? She can't be blamed, however!

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



JOHN A. COLLINS
Technician Fifth Grade

John Collins of ward 31, who has many talents at his fingertips, is the antithesis of "Jack of all trades, master of none." Not only that, the man has brains! His grade for the Interpretation of Reading Materials in the Natural Sciences GED Test which he took last week broke the record here at Letterman with a score of 74 out of a possible 75!

At the age of six John began to study classical music. He plays the piano, tuba, guitar, and bass fiddle. After studying with the Hamilton School of Art in New York, John played the tuba with the New York Symphony, and was a guest artist of Dr. Walter F. Damrosch and Edwin Franklin Goldman. Reaching his goal, John made a turn-about and abandoned the heavy for the light . . . becoming a freelance musician and playing with various dance bands including Dick Sattersfield's at the Stork Club and Henry King's. Finding himself a success in this sport, John turned toward something entirely new . . . he studied to become a dairy technician. From music to milk in one smooth lesson!

At the time John received his greetings from Uncle Sam, he was in an entirely new position, assistant director of the Morale Division of Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, plotting entertainment features for the weary war workers and supervising 113 men in that capacity. However, his army career did not interfere with his unusual personality, for he was a sailor in khaki (what is more confusing?) by becoming an army mine planter and taking part in the splicing of the Honolulu cable. He possesses a Marine Oiler's License and has studied Diesel Engineering, which led to this assignment. Needless to say he also played in the Army band.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Harriet Bacon of Reconditioning, and Alice Jorgerson of Finance took advantage of the four-day holiday and observed the Fourth of July by boarding a train. They had a gay time in the southern part of the State, namely: Del Mar.

There is a beautiful solitaire sparkling on the fourth finger, left hand, of Alice Deenan, EENT Branch, signifying her engagement to Sergeant May of the detachment here. Alice returned Monday from Oregon after visiting with her family.

"Yippe Ki Yay" will be Betty Reeve's tune when she returns to the library after vacationing in Montana on her uncle's dude ranch. Sure envy you, Betty.

The new faces at the Information Desk are Margaret Prendergast and Mary Forthman, recent transfers from Dante Annex.

Waiting for the final word, Nancy Austin of Employee Relations, anxiously looks forward with her mother and sister to the day when they will sail for China to join her father, Colonel Austin, who is stationed there.

There will be a great reunion for Alfreda Matthews, Librarian, when she and her husband, Lieutenant Matthews, greet her family in Maine after five years of separation. They began their motoring trek last week.

Helen Hoffman, Reconditioning, really saw some fireworks in Burlingame when she was on deck at the Burlingame Country Club when they had their beautiful July 4th display.

Myrtel Semison, Surgical Branch, a transferee from Monterey Presidio, returned there last week, only this time to take part in the festivities during the celebration of the Monterey Centennial over the 4th.

"Wally" Fruit, night janitor of EENT and Dental Branch returned from a month's vacationing in Eureka, where he really roughed it. "Exploring canyons, blazing trails, cooking and sleeping out-of-doors is the life!" says Wally. It has been 40 years since he had spent those days as a boy in that part of the country.

"Jackie" Shaffer, dispatcher at

YOU CAN ASK VERNE SHORES TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THOSE THREE STRIKES



Miss VERNE SHORES
Who asks "What do you do?"

"When she flashes that brilliant smile and says paradoxically 'Three strikes were called, but they failed to put me out,' you wonder. Not for long, though, because the three strikes Verne Shores is talking about were street car strikes. When she was in Seattle, they had a street car strike. Next, Los Angeles, and another strike. Finally she hit San Francisco just in time—for a third strike. Reason they didn't put her out was that she had rides during the Seattle and San Francisco strikes, and did some successful hitch-hiking in Los Angeles.

Verne is a recent arrival at Letterman, where she is classification analyst for Civilian Personnel Branch. She enjoys her work and the people with whom it brings her in contact. The initial greeting of a classification analyst isn't "How do you do?" it's "What do you

do?" and that can be disconcerting to the subject, but Verne says she hasn't run up against any difficulties yet.

She is a native of Missouri, and has been a government employee since The Day After—December 8, 1941, when she began personnel work for the Army. Since then she has become experienced in various phases of personnel duties, including recruitment and placement, payroll, and employee relations, as well as her present job.

Before coming to Letterman she was with the Seattle Port of Embarkation. One of the reasons she wanted to come to California is that she now has more relatives here than in Missouri, with a sister in Los Angeles and two brothers in Tulare.

Her favorite off-duty pastime is dancing to the music of a good band, and she is very fond of all kinds of music, from opera to jive. She enjoys the theatre and books, too. In outdoor sports, hiking and swimming get top rating.

the Motor Pool, is back to a normal routine again in her office after hectic days arranging transportation during the street car strike.

Star-Gazing

Realism in movies got a nasty blow when, because of the meat shortage, Hollywood had to hunt around for something that would look just like meat loaf. Turned out to be plates of French toast, which, at a distance, looked the part perfectly.

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It seems that surgical instruments cannot be shown on the screen in England, so when a close-up of Bing Crosby performing an appendectomy on Barry Fitzgerald was made for their new picture "Welcome, Stranger," they had to eliminate the scalpel and the scissors which will be seen in the American version of the film.

When Bing heard about the British taboo, he said "I get it, we just don't want England to see the point."

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Those people who collect match books usually don't seem to know what to do with them after they get them, but Billy De Wolfe of Paramount has used his collection to cover a bridge table. His table top has match book covers from more than 500 restaurants and night clubs.

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Those snowy New England scenes you see in the movies aren't always the real McCoy. Shots of a scene in a Maine village were recently made in California's San Fernando Valley, and required 90 tons of artificial snow to get the wintry effect.

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Rita Hayworth "sacrificed" her tinted fingernails in her latest Technicolor, "Down to Earth," on account they decided that the goddess Terpsichore probably wore her nails au naturel.

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Signe Hasso, starring with Bob Hope in "Where There's Life," knows how to reach the top in a hurry, and without taking any extra steps. Her house is on the summit of a high hill, and is reached by a steep stairway. But she has installed an escalator and makes the grade that way.

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They discovered a surplus of—of all things—Tyrolean crooners in Hollywood when the studio needed yodellers to sing with Bing in "The Emperor Waltz." Over 2,000 responded to the call.

Disability Pensions Range From \$11.50 To \$115 a Month

One out of every four veterans of World War II has filed a claim for disability pension, the Veterans Administration reported this week.

The VA has already paid out more than \$500,000,000 to disabled veterans of World War II. On June 1 a total of 3,282,375 claims had been filed, resulting in 1,516,315 awards. Of the remainder, 1,471,616 claims were disallowed and 294,444 were pending adjudication.

Most of the claims pending adjudication are awaiting additional information, physical examinations or service records.

During the past three months VA has been adjudicating 365,000 disability claims per month. Over 2,225,000 claims are expected to be adjudicated this year.

Disability pensions range from \$11.50 a month for 10 percent disability to \$115 a month for total disabilities, such as blindness in both eyes, loss of use of both hands or spinal cord injury. These awards may be as high as \$300 per month.

Almost 100,000 veterans are drawing total disability pensions. VA rolls now contain 587,000 living veterans of other wars and peacetime service who are drawing disability pensions.

MORE ABOUT ON AND OFF THE RECORD

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Just what shingle John will eventually hang up is a mystery, but after he completes his present courses in English, English literature, trigonometry, intermediate algebra, Spanish, and American history which he is taking while eclipsed by a Balkan frame, it is likely to be anything. On the side . . . John gives music lessons to our patients. This unusual subject is recognized by his unusual appearance . . . sideburns, mustache, and likeness to Lloyd Nolan, plus his tendency towards Latin music, raw hamburgers, and olive-skinned senoritas.

Aspiring Vocalist: "Professor, do you think I will ever be able to do anything with my voice?"

Perspiring Teacher: "Well, it might come in handy in case of a fire or a shipwreck."

NEED A CAR? JUST TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH SERGEANT REAVLEY



T/Sgt. VIRGIL REAVLEY
From Army to Navy and back again.

Being in charge of the Motor Pool at Letterman, T/Sgt. Virgil Reavley is the man who deals out the transportation on request. That is, he's responsible for dealing it out, though most requests are handled by the four dispatchers, but if there are any difficulties, he's the one they consult to straighten the difficulties out.

By this time, having been in the Army over 22 years, with only four months to go to make it 23, he's used to taking difficulties in his stride, and does. He's strictly an Army man, by preference, because just once during those 22 years he made a slight detour into the Navy. After seeing the other side of the medal, he came back to the Army, and you can tell, by the way he says he was in the Navy "three years, nine months and 15 days," that he must have been counting everything but the hours till he could come back.

He entered the Army the first time in 1919, and spent the next two years in Germany with the

Army of Occupation. The following four years were spent in the Philippines, and after that came the Navy interlude.

T/Sgt. Reavley re-enlisted at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver in 1936, was at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for a time, and then returned to the Philippines. He re-enlisted again in 1940, this time at the Presidio, and spent a year here. Next he was assigned to an outfit that spent 18 months on the Alaska Highway, and following that he saw overseas duty in England. Returning to the United States in June, 1945, he was first at Fort Ord, then in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. After another dash across the continent to Camp Adair, Oregon, he enjoyed a 90-day furlough.

Those happy furlough days mixed duty with pleasure—including house painting, fishing and hunting. The house painting was done in Daly City, where Sergeant Reavley, his wife, Margaret, and his 11-year-old stepson, Joseph, make their

Anything For A Laugh

A boy attending Sunday school for the first time was being questioned by his teacher.

"Where does God live?" asked the teacher.

"I think he lives in our bathrom," chirped the youngster.

"Why do you think that?" she gasped.

"Well, every morning Daddy goes to the bathroom door and yells, 'God! Are you still in there?'"

Modern girls adore spinning wheels. But they like four of them, plus a spare.

All women are alike, but they have different faces so you can tell them apart.

Editor: "Did you write this poem yourself?"

Writer: "Yes, every line of it."

Editor: "Then I'm very glad to meet you, Edgar Allen Poe. I thought you were dead."

"I'm a self-made man," said the Private.

"That," answered the Sergeant, "relieves the Almighty of a terrible responsibility."

"Sorry, but I can't give you an appointment today, I have 18 cavities to fill," said the dentist, as he picked up his golf clubs and walked out of the office.

Daffynition: Gentleman—A wolf with his ears pinned back.

"Where did you get that black eye, corporal?"

"In the war."

"What war?"

"The boudoir."

When a gal admits she's had a checkered career . . . it's your move!

Flirtation . . . that's attention without intention.

home.

He came to Letterman in January of this year. Sergeant Reavley's duties don't usually include driving, but he had the pleasure of driving for both the Surgeon General and the Deputy Surgeon General when they were in San Francisco during recent weeks.

Letterman WACs Win Third Consecutive Game In One Week

Starting the week with a spectacular game played at Ralph Park Monday evening, the WAS Softball Team added three victories to its list by Wednesday night, making the total season's winnings 15 out of 16 games played.

The game which started the week's victories was played against the Takars, with Lieut. Beverly Jane White pitching her most spectacular game of the season . . . a shut-out game which ended in a 1 to 0 score. The one and only run during the game was made by T/Sgt. Eleanor Eaton.

Tuesday evening the Stoneman WACs were added to the list of conquered, with Letterman in the lead 13 to 3 at the end of the fifth inning. By the seventh inning, the Stoneman team had brought in nine more runs, but our girls held their own, making the final score 13 to 12.

By the third consecutive night of playing, the girls were well limbered up and another thrilling softball game was played at the Vallejo Ball Park. The LGH team defeated the Vallejo Boilermakers, who had up to that time been champions, with no games lost, in a close score of 9 to 8. The highlight of the game came with our girls at bat—bases loaded, and Lieut. Alice Dahnke (our home-run queen) taking her position at the plate. The first hit soared out to the field, bounded between two fielders, and traveled on its own, bringing in three runs, AND Lieut. Dahnke — chalking up her third home-run of the season. By the time the field lights were put out Wednesday evening, the girls were a weary but happy group of players.

Our Letterman WAC team is one to be envied. Each player is doing a beautiful job at her respective position, with the team as a whole having perfect coordination. Nice going, girls!

For you baseball fans who have never seen the girls in action, you will be glad to know that transportation is furnished to all games. For detailed information contact Sgt. Blackburn at 2942 or Sgt. Jenkins at 4403. You'll witness an exciting game wherever they go.

Hear about the sergeant who won't take his wife out? Someone told him not to run around with married women.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. If you're planning on entering a trade school or college, you may shorten the processing time (which takes weeks and weeks as a civilian) by going to the Counseling Service, Room 17, under Receiving, and make an appointment for testing. This service is open to all personnel. If you're not sure of the date of your discharge, the results will be held at the Regional office until the time of enrollment. Don't miss this opportunity!

2. The Spanish Class is still going strong, with Mrs. Bushery instructing. Register at Building 1039. Other summer courses offered on the wards are: Creative Writing, English A, History, Civics, Shorthand, Math, Geometry, Trig, Slide Rule, Calculus, Business Subjects, Psychology, and Braille. If there is anything not listed here that you would like to study, just ask us and we'll arrange it.

3. Then there are always USAFI Correspondence Courses for self-study. You can even learn how to raise Turkeys while you are in bed.

4. Congratulations to Captain Ifft of the Creative Writing Class for selling the product of his efforts. His first fiction will appear in "Opportunities on Parade."

5. Thirty-eight patients are availing themselves of California Correspondence Courses, which are paid for by the American Legion. If you need credit, this is a sure way.

6. Of the six patients now studying to qualify for a high school diploma from San Francisco, two are well on the way toward completing the necessary courses.

7. Twenty-one high school diplomas were granted in the month of June, and three more already have been given in July—results of GED Tests administered by the Educational Reconditioning Office. The various states heard from to date: Arizona, California, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Long Term Officer Education Provided

Washington (CNS) — The Army's educational system for officers is being overhauled, the War Department announced.

The new program provides for the progressive military education of an officer from the time he receives his commission. In the case of a handpicked number of outstanding candidates, training will reach its climax at one of the high level schools.

Upon receiving their commissions, all officers, except those in the Army Air Forces, will attend the Army Basic School for a four-month course in subjects common to the Army as a whole. Then they will take a five-month course in the subjects of their branch.

Upon completion of a ten-month course at an advanced branch school, officers with 7 to 15 years of service become eligible for one of the four schools of the Command and Staff College.

The four schools are administration, military intelligence, combined arms and logistics. These schools will stress use of the aviation wing and ground division.

For specially selected officers, between their eighth and sixteenth years, a five-month preparatory course at the Armed Forces College is proposed. At this school Army, Navy and Air officers would study combined operations and overseas expeditionary tactics on a broad scale.

National War College

At the top of the educational ladder are the National War College and the International College of the Armed Forces, open to officers with ten to twenty years' service. Ten months courses at these schools will deal with problems of national planning and strategy.

Training for officers of the Air Force is to be somewhat different. One to four years after completing flight school, air officers will attend one of the air tactical schools to learn tactics and techniques of the air arm.

Between the third and tenth year of service, air officers will attend either advanced tactical school or the air institute of technology. They then become eligible for the higher level joint schools.

The plan is a modification of a report made by the Military Education Board, headed by L/Gen Leonard T. Gerow.

Army spokesmen termed the new program "better balanced," and said it will eliminate some of the "hit and miss" features of the pre-war educational training system.

Wife: "Are all men as stupid as you are?"

Husband: "No dear, look at all the bachelors there are."



A LETTER FROM FRANCES LANGFORD

To the patients at Letterman asks for their ideas, suggestions and requests for the "Purple Heart Album" request program which broadcasts twice weekly from Hollywood over Letterman's radio station KLGH. Patients may write Frances in care of the Armed Forces Radio Service, 6011 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 38, California



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Pharmacist Duties In Post-War Army Are Outlined

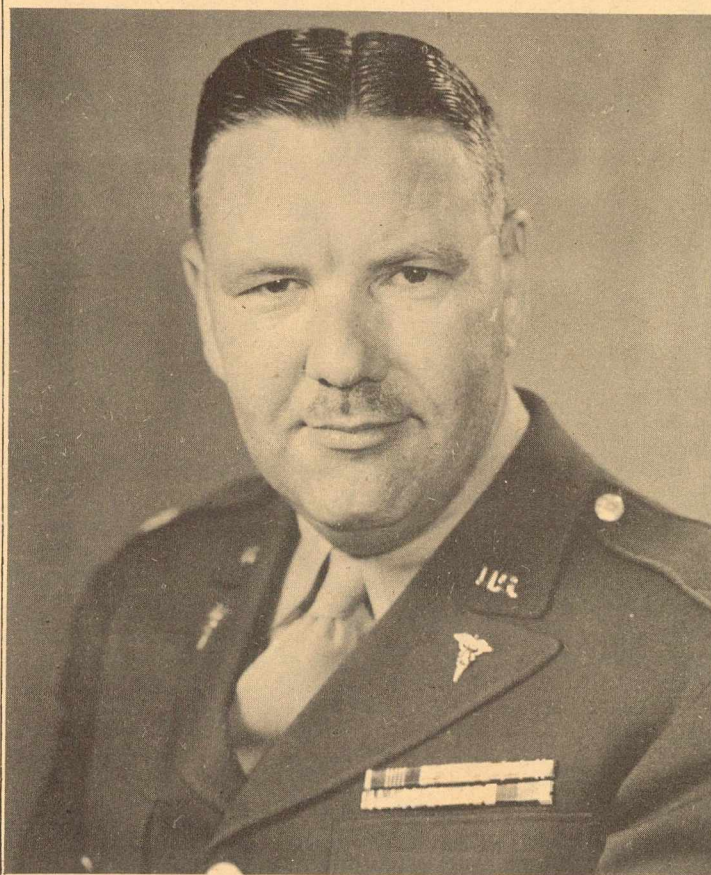
Additional duties for pharmacists in the Army Medical Department were outlined this week in plans submitted to the War Department General Staff by Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General.

In General Kirk's plan legislation will be sought to organize a Medical Service Corps which will place Pharmacy, Sanitary and Medical Administrative Corps under one table of organization. Provisions are made for a pharmacist officer to serve in the office of the Surgeon General. That officer will act as advisor to the Surgeon General on all pharmacy matters and will direct pharmaceutical activities of the Medical Department.

Utilizing pharmaceutical training and aptitudes to the utmost, pharmacist officers will be charged with the purchase, examination, shipment, storage and standardization of the drugs and medical supplies required by the Army. They will co-ordinate the preparation of Supply Tables and aid in preparation of standards of drugs and medical supplies.

In command functions they will be placed in charge of all types of Medical Supply depots as well as subordinate positions in the depot. And they will be named assistants to surgeons in battalions and regiments, as commanders of headquarters and battalion units, adjutants, medical and general supply officers and laboratory officers in Medical and General laboratories.

No little part of their future duties will be instructing at training schools. Pharmacy officers will be especially sought in Regular Army commissioned ranks for duty in the post-war Army, which will require three officers of their capabilities for every thousand men. It is thought that additional duties giv-



Major DOUGLAS S. THROWELL, MAC

Letterman old timer who has come back to the desk in the Adjutant's office which he left four years ago.

en pharmacists will release other Medical Department officers from administrative duties.

Further, pharmacists will be qualified to serve in multitudinous hospital capacities as pharmacy officer, executive officer, adjutant, supply officer, mess officer, registrar, evacuation officer, hospital detachment commander and detachment of patients commander. They will compound and dispense medicines in units as large as General Hospitals.

In strictly combat organizations, the pharmacist will assume more authority than ever before. They will serve as medical and general supply officer, to medical groups and battalions and command ambulance units.

In procurement jobs they will deal with contracts, purchase, inspection, shipment, storage, testing and standardization of medical equipment. Further, pharmacists are playing vital roles in adminis-

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Pay Raise For Graded Employees On Next Check

New pay rates for per annum civilian employees became effective July 1, and checks to be received next week will be the first affected by the change.

The raise amounts to an increase of \$250 a year for those earning from \$1008 to \$1770, and a 14 per cent raise for those earning \$1836 and over. It applies to all graded civil service appointees, whether permanent, temporary or war service.

The Act authorizing the pay increase, which is the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945 as amended by the Act of 1946, provides for the payment of double time for work performed on a holiday occurring within the basic work week of 40 hours. This applies to eight holidays during the year—New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Compensatory time off may now be granted for irregular or occasional overtime, after 40 hours of straight time work in a given week.

The raise affects clerical, administrative and fiscal (CAF) workers, professional (P), sub-professional (S-P), and custodial, protective and crafts (CPC) workers.

The table of increases follows:

Rating	Before	New
CAF 1	\$1506	\$1756
2	1704	1954
3	1902	2168.28
4	2100	2394
5	2320	2644.80
6	2650	3021
7	2980	3397.20
8	3310	3773.40
9	3640	4149.60
10	3970	4525.80

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Record Collection Valued at \$45,000 Now at Letterman

When one man has amassed a collection of 22,000 records, valued at \$45,000, that's news. And when the records become available for the listening pleasure of Letterman patients and duty personnel, that's bigger news. The records belong to Sgt. Harry Wagner, who came here from Bushnell General Hospital when it was deactivated last month. He was director of the recorded music department there.

Sergeant Wagner and his records are at the East Hospital Service Club, where a "listening room" has been set up so that duty personnel and patients may come and hear their favorite records played.

Plans are under way for regular evening concerts of "Music of the Masters," chosen from Sergeant Wagner's collection. Programs will be arranged to include a symphony, a concerto, and shorter works, or will consist of recordings of the works of a single composer, and there will be occasional "Pops" concerts. During the concerts, Sergeant Wagner will introduce each recording with brief comments about the composer and his work, or about the particular composition to be played.

He says he will welcome suggestions for the programs, so that he may be sure to include works that will reflect the tastes of his listeners.

One of the first questions Sergeant Wagner is asked about his collection is "How long has this been going on?" It has been going on since he was nine years old, when he attended a children's concert in Los Angeles and heard Walter Damrosch conduct Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite." He went home after the concert and told his mother how much he wanted a recording of it, and that was the beginning.

She bought it for him, and the collection was started. Since then he has acquired records at the rate of over a thousand a year, with the result that he now has the sixth largest private collection in the United States.

There's no difficulty in quickly locating the desired record, because the albums are arranged on the shelves alphabetically by composer, and although at present only a part of the collection is here at Letterman, it makes a mighty imposing array.

Many of the records have been gifts, and every Christmas and on



ON DUTY IN THE LISTENING ROOM
Sergeant Harry Wagner and his \$45,000 collection of 22,000 records.

his birthdays, Sergeant Wagner receives gift orders "which, of course, I always use to buy more records," he says. His collection includes recordings made in Russia, Yugoslavia, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Germany, France and England. There are some popular records, but the majority of the recordings are of classical music.

He has many rare records, such as a 40-year-old master recording of Caruso singing "Pagliacci"; Edison cylinder-type recordings featuring the voices of Ernestine Schumann-Heink and Sarah Bernhardt, and a recording of Gounod's "Faust" recorded in France, which is reputedly the "oldest and best operatic recording in existence."

The range of the collection is indicated by these selections, played on special programs at Bushnell: Gustav Mahler's "Resurrection Symphony"; "The Art of the Fugue," by Bach; and Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis." On another occasion an all-Gershwin program included "Rhapsody in Blue," recorded by the composer, "An American in Paris," "Porgy and Bess," and

many of Gershwin's musical comedy favorites, recorded by such artists as Oscar Levant, Larry Adler, Todd Duncan, Andre Kostelanetz and Hildegard.

Sergeant Wagner is a native of Los Angeles, and is the son of Mrs. Avis Wagner, now of Sunnyvale, Calif. He had been at Bushnell since shortly after his induction into the Army in 1942. He hopes that when his time in the Army is up, he will be able to make his record library available for the public by means of a "record loan library and listening room."

He has an encyclopaedic knowledge of music and musicians, and is constantly striving to bring the joys of musical appreciation to more and more listeners. In his off-duty hours, he likes to attend (you guessed it!) concerts. He also enjoys movies, but that's just a side interest.

Until the evening programs here at Letterman are definitely scheduled, those interested are urged to drop in at the East Hospital Service Club and ask to hear their favorites.

Hours at present are noon until

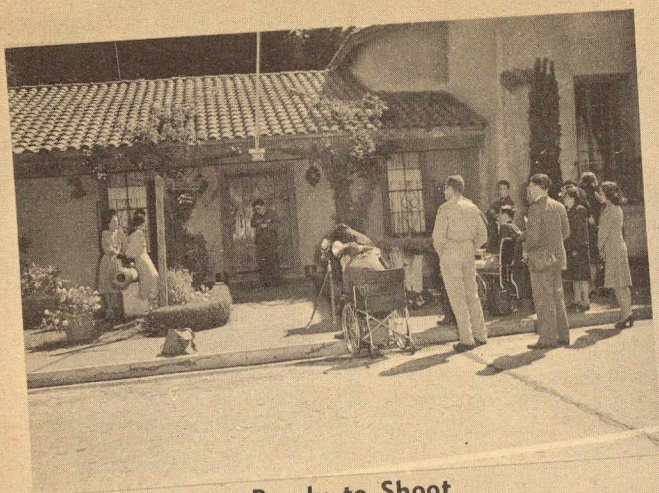
midnight on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; noon until 5 p. m. on Tuesday and Friday; by appointment on Saturday and Sunday. You are invited to come in and hear the "Music of the Masters."

MORE ABOUT GRADED EMPLOYEES RAISE

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P	1	2320	2644.80
	2	2980	3397.20
	3	3640	4149.60
	4	4300	4902
S-P	1	1440	1690
	2	1572	1822
	3	1704	1954
	4	1902	2168.28
	5	2100	2394
	6	2320	2644.80
	7	2650	3021
	8	2980	3397.20
CPC	1	864	1080
	2	1440	1609
	3	1572	1822
	4	1770	2020
	5	1968	2243.52
	6	2166	2469.24
	7	2364	2694.96
	8	2540	2895.60

What the Camera Club Caught On a Special Occasion



Ready to Shoot



Golden Gate Bridge Backdrop



The Baker Twins



En Route



One Last Pose

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

YOUR EDUCATION

Americans live in a fortunate land where more dreams come true than anywhere else in the world. But there is one great dream that has not yet been fulfilled — higher education for all who want it.

On the average, only about one boy in ten has been able to afford a college education; whereas approximately 50% of American youth now goes through high school.

Familiar to high school teachers is the story "I want to go to college, but Dad just hasn't got the money."

Today, Dad doesn't need the money. The G.I. Bill of Rights benefits have been extended so that his son can obtain a full college, trade, or business school education at Government expense after serving three years in the new peacetime Regular Army. This applies to those who enlist before October 6, 1946.

Enlistments are open to men aged 17 to 34, and may be for one and a half, two, or three years. At the end of his enlistment, the honorably discharged soldier is entitled to one year's education plus as many additional months as he has spent in the service. A three-year enlistment amounts to one year plus 36 months—a total of 48 months of education—enough to complete a full college course.

In terms of money, the Government pays tuition up to \$500 per ordinary school year,

WAC

By Bette Byers

By permission of T/4 Agda Persson, we have excerpts from a letter she received from Sgt. Lillian Olsen, former member of our detachment now in Germany. Many interesting things have been omitted due to lack of space . . . so do read the original if possible. Many thanks to Aggie for sharing it with us.

"We are now stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. It was formerly a health resort for the wealthy. It, too, has been bombed a lot, but the remaining buildings are perfectly beautiful and the town has a wonderful definite atmosphere of its own. We live in a large hotel. We are served our meals in a large dining room by German women. The food is excellent and far surpasses that of any in the States. With our evening meal, we have a beautiful orchestra playing for us and they play my favorites, the Viennese waltzes. I can hardly believe that I am in the Army with all of this. We have bedcheck at 11 p. m. except for Saturdays, at which time it is 1 a. m. We make our own beds, but that is all. No reveille, and the German women clean our rooms and press our clothes.

"The Red Cross has taken over the most beautiful building here. It is about two blocks from the hotel and here everything is offered that a body could ask for. Dancing, music, symphony orchestra on Saturdays, and (this is beautiful) free coffee and doughnuts; trips and tours that are lovely and one hardly has time for everything. We have started our German lessons and I intend to take piano lessons, time providing. This Sunday we are going to take a boat trip up the Rhine to a place called the Aussenhausen, a huge beautiful place where one can remain overnight, sleeping on feather beds, etc. All this and heaven, too. At this point, the Army is more than wonderful. I would never have missed any of this for the world.

"I now find myself in the Air

plus a monthly allowance of \$65 for living expenses—or \$90 if the student has dependents. For a single man, this amounts to as high as \$5,120; \$6,700 if he has dependents. — Army Life.



By Bette Byers

Recent arrivals at Letterman include Lieuts. Margaret A. Davis, Freda M. Cornell, Catherine J. Fowler, and Captain Margaret T. Foley.

Lieuts. Fowler and Captain Foley have been our neighbors down south, where they served at Dibble General Hospital until its closing. Lieut. Fowler tasted life at Letterman when she put in two weeks on ward L-1 during August 1945 before her assignment at Dibble, and is looking forward to a longer stay on this assignment. She is now on ward P. Captain Margaret Foley is brand new to San Francisco, having put in but a few weeks at Camp Stoneman before starting her 30 months of overseas duty in the Mediterranean Theater, North Africa, Corsica, Sicily, and Italy were a few of her stations while she was Chief Nurse of field hospitals. She returned to the States last October, and reported here on the 14th of this month. She's still a long way from home . . . Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Lieut. Freda M. Cornell and Lieut. Margaret A. Davis landed as a two-some from their last station, Newton D. Baker General Hospital, Martinsburg, West Virginia. They both claim Ohio as their homes. Both claim already to have seen San Francisco, after a sight-seeing tour

Corps and am working out at EATS, European Air Transport Service, and have been assigned as medical stenographer to the Post Surgeon.

"We took a trip into Frankfurt last weekend to see some of the kids. They live in apartments and their setup is nice, too. The Headquarters is very modern, sectioned off, as is ours, and while here it is hard to realize that you are in Germany. The enormous Headquarters Building was formerly a large manufacturing concern comparable to Du Pont's in the States.

"We are rationed on candy and cigarettes but have more than enough. As I have said before, the food is out of this world, perfectly prepared and served. . . . It is all beyond description, but is so very fascinating. . . . Remember me to everyone. Lill."

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, July 21, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Help Wanted

Clerk-Typists and Clerk-Stenographers are urgently needed for assignments in various departments of Letterman General Hospital. Apply to Civilian Personnel, third floor, Administration Building.

Attend Conferences

J. Warren Conlin, chief of Civilian Personnel's Training Section, and Louis Strohecker, head of Employee Relations, will go to Denver next week to attend conferences on training, job instruction and job relations.

through Golden Gate Park, the beach, Mark Hopkins Hotel, and China Town. Like the early birds, they lost no time in orienting themselves in their new surroundings. Lieut. Cornell is an anesthetist in the operating room, while Capt. Davis can be found on K-1.

Captain Sanderson has returned after her 30 days of playing a lady of leisure. She flew both ways to the east, taking in Boston, New York City, and the New England States. She had a wonderful time, and admits she didn't want to come back to work.

Among our nurses looking forward to civilian life is Lieut. Frances Flynn who will take up the duties of Mrs. Tim Kimmerle this weekend. As Tim has a ninety day furlough they plan to drive back to Ohio and Massachusetts before he reports for orders at Maryland. They will return to their apartment in San Francisco, for Fairfield Air Field is hoped to be Tim's assignment. Perhaps Mrs. Kimmerle will drop in to visit her friends when it's back to work for Tim!

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARGARET M. HOLLOWED
Technical Sergeant

With her blue eyes and dark hair, she does suggest her nationality, and so once someone suggested it, she was thereafter called "Irish." It's a snappy nickname, and Margaret M. Hollowed takes it all in her stride as she goes about her duties on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building working for Director, Personnel Division.

Irish's latest word is "Fore!" Someday Irish has hopes of becoming a real golfer, but at present she's at the beginner's stage where she can't quite discover where the ball lies, although she's been walking on the ground directly beneath it for some time. Thinking of all the rules, Irish swings, but as her eyes return to her feet, there is the little white ball, and the concentration has all been in vain. She laughs when she describes her futile attempts at having a good form . . . but she can say what she wishes, for it is appreciated by many. Although she hasn't mastered golf, Irish has mastered tennis and swimming.

Three branches of the service are represented in her family. Her brother is a Marine, another is in civilian clothes with a bright new discharge button in his lapel from the Navy, and Irish is in khaki. Her two sisters managed to be content with letters from the three, and remained at home.

This gal who swings a mean typewriter carriage is also a dental technician, having completed the required course at Camp Atterbury last year. However, she has never had the opportunity to scrutinize anyone's tonsils for she was immediately sent to Barnes General Hospital and later to the Pentagon Building in Washington, D. C., where she was in the stenographer's pool. At this time she worked for

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

On ward 40 is Jose Bravo (no puns, please!) looking forward to a possible discharge vera vera soon. Already he knows exactly how he's going to celebrate!

On ward 42 from Hollywood is Charles Sonnett who is looking for a dark room. One thing at a time, please . . . he's a photography fiend without a means of putting his hobby to use. Until a dark room is found, handsome Charles wastes no time . . . he's catching up on bunk fatigue.

Howard Stokley of the same ward is putting to use his lessons on projectioning. Although he had to call for aid in running through a film this week, he's doing a mighty fine job. The picture, by the way, was "Vacation from Marriage." Ironic!

That patient who has been hounding the librarians the past few months for books on the art of fine chess playing is John "Challenger" Indergand of ward B-2, formerly of K-2. He welcomes all comers to a game of chess. John, who has been confined to bed for some time in a semi-body cast is now getting around and looking right pert on crutches. Best of luck, Johnny, and we'll be expecting to see you navigating under your own power in the very near future.

Abandoning his game of cards for screen petit-point is Ed Mayer of ward 31. He's in the middle of one of those huge rugs which hides that blonde head from his ward buddies . . . which makes us wonder if they requested his present hobby, hmm?

On F2 Henry Brizula, better

visiting generals there and also for Colonel Westray Boyce, Director of the WACs.

Upon completion of her Army career, Irish will take up the art of loafing at Balboa Beach near Santa Ana, and Catalina Island. A nice vacation in any language . . . especially a swimmer's! She has no desire to get much farther away than that from her home town of Los Angeles. But her ambitions will eventually follow the loafing, and she will attend college to major in Business Administration. Yes, indeed, she'd make a fine executive in any business organization!

known as "Junior" lies directly in front of the nurse's office window. That is so that she can watch him better. He's taken up old reading material . . . the latest funny book, to sweeten his disposition, no doubt. He had quite a reputation when he first arrived, and lately has managed to live it down! Next to Junior 1 is Junior 2, but the two boys aren't on speaking terms! Regardless of what is said about Henry, he's okay. That beautiful picture he has propped up near his bed is his young sister . . . just to drown your curiosity.

Twain Slaughter of ward 30 accidentally informed us that his wife has arrived in San Francisco, and is working at the main PX. Wonder why he won't mention the counter?

E-2 is sprouting rabbits . . . in the form of Tommy Hamner who is a lettuce fiend. The boy's from Richmond, California . . . or does that explain it?

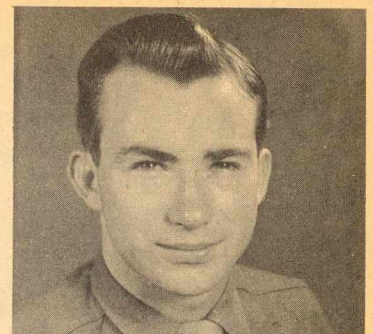
In the same ward, as you face right of the door is the up and coming literary club. They claim they were forced into books as recreation because they lack other entertainment. Bring out the pictures, USO shows, etc., before the boys get too intellectual!

Shorty Artmeiz has interesting chatter about the reunion of the survivors of his division . . . 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Third Battalion, at the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City. Forty-six of the boys gathered together to bring back memories of fighting days, and it's one Shorty hated to miss, but he'll make it next year, same time, same place. The event hit "Newsweek" in a very interesting article.

Oogles are blossoming all over ward C-2 as mastermind Paul Culley carves duplicates of Frank Soto's original colored dancer. . . . After the paint job, Paul hangs them out the window of room 5 so Frank's mind has something to focus on. There has been one improvement made . . . more curves to suit the connoisseurs.

Congratulations to Henry Barker . . . former Bushnellite on ward 42, whose eyes are brighter these days with the news that he is a brand new father of a baby daughter born Tuesday of this week.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



DALTON WALLACE
Private

The man with the names is Private Dalton Wallace, who is dubbed with not one but three nicknames! He's now at the point of answering to anything. During a class examination, Dalton hummed throughout that favorite "Johnny Zero," and upon receipt of his corrected paper, he was promptly nicknamed "Zero"! "Never again," says he, who now believes in doing one thing at a time. The others are "Wally" and "Rocky," the latter being "thunk" up by his sports admirers in his home town of Belmont, Ohio.

True to the farm, Dal (we'll be different!) is an all-around athlete who wrestled, played hockey and made his Belmont High School letter for football with a record of five touchdowns in his senior year. Quarterback is his favorite position, and he was it in his six-man team.

Besides his outdoor abilities, he's a handy man with the drums and trombone, and upon his arrival at Letterman he played the trombone with the 358th Band before his transfer to the Medical Detachment orderly room. He has played in dance bands during his school days, and may return to it during the summers after the battle of Letterman.

If the word "dogs" is mentioned, Dal's eyes brighten and you have a faithful listener. He stoutly declares that "Dogs are men's best friends!" and he should know, for aside from his father's kennels on the farm, he proudly possessed a kennel of his own, well-filled with 32 Briards . . . French Shepherds to you! It's quite a feat to decide which comes first . . . dogs or a little majorette in high school back home!

When Dal is a veteran of the Army world, he plans to attend Ohio State.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

It is a grand and glorious feeling to look forward to vacations, and that subject seems to be the topic of conversation for the ones who have returned and many who anticipate going away. Idella Kotler from the Dental Clinic with her husband took in the natural beauties in the mountains at Lake Tahoe. Jean and Ruth Peetz, laboratory, are taking a motor trip with their family up north to Canada, and it was a repeat performance for Helen Smith, Detachment of Patients, as she repeats her last summer's vacation and drives to Los Angeles with friends. Could there be some incentive?

"Golly" Von Lubken's vacation was a great achievement as she spent her time at the Hayward Air Field adding many flying hours. Nice going, Golly.

The San Lorenzo River and the surf swimming in Santa Cruz offered many pleasant days for Stella Jackson, who returned to the laboratory with that health outdoor complexion.

"Beebe" takes leave from the Prosthetic Section with no plans, but a much needed rest in view, as she remains in San Francisco.

Due to a tooth extraction and concealing those beautiful dimples, Mrs. Jack Weeden of the Sick and Wounded Office can now tell us about her operation. Must have good recuperative powers, Mrs. Weeden.

From Bushnell Hospital to our Occupational Therapy Section we greet Marjorie Mehrstens. Happy to have you with us.

Discarding her sergeant's stripes at Camp Beale last week, Nancy Cook, morale boster on ward G-1, resumes her duties this week as a happy civilian.

You can be sure watermelon season is here as Louise Smith of the Sick and Wounded Section enjoys each mouthful of that delicious fruit in the PX Grill.

There wasn't much overlooked as Virginia DeTrana, Out Patient Branch, made her very first trip to Yosemite Valley. The four days of her stay took in many hikes to the falls and to Glacier Point.

Buccaneer—Too darn much to pay for corn.

TRANSPLANTED LONDONER SAYS "THIS COUNTRY HAS EVERYTHING!"



Mrs. SYLVIA MacDonald
Who was London's first war bride.

Perhaps it's because Sylvia MacDonald lived through the blitz in London that she now says "I've come to love the United States better than I ever loved Britain. This country has everything!" Sylvia, who came to California and to Letterman a year ago, was the first war bride to marry an American GI in London, which was the reason that when she and Staff Sergeant Wesley MacDonald were married on December 3, 1942, at Westminster Cathedral in England, they were surrounded by newsreel cameras and radio microphones.

Before her marriage, Sylvia worked for the British Air Ministry in London, and for six weeks during the worst of the Battle of Britain, office and home were one and the same place. The offices were underground in Whitehall, and there were dormitories right on the spot for the employees. Once during the blitz, Sylvia was buried under wreckage for several hours, but came out of it uninjured.

She met Sergeant MacDonald

while she was working for the Army Finance Department, and he was assigned to General Eisenhower's headquarters in the American Embassy. After their marriage, Sergeant MacDonald was in France for a time, and after the end of the war they both came to the United States, arriving here November 11, 1944. At present Sergeant MacDonald, who has now received his discharge from the Army, is a patient at the Lake Placid Sanitarium in New York state.

Sylvia says her "adventurous streak" brought her to California last July, and shortly after her arrival she began working in the Orthopedic Clinic at Letterman. Recently she transferred to the Neurosurgical Service.

She says she is making lots of friends in San Francisco, which is easy to understand when you see that engaging smile, and hear her charming English accent.

Sylvia enjoys tennis and swimming, and is especially fond of dancing. She and her sister (who

Star-Gazing

An electrician who thought he had ruined a scene in "It's a Wonderful Life," and expected to hear about it, got a reward instead. In the scene, Thomas Mitchell, supposedly drunk, was lurching down the street when the electrician upset a stack of props. It sounded like Mitchell had run into a pile of ashcans. The director thought it was such a good sound-effect that he gave the electrician a \$10 bill.

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Not all star wardrobes for big pictures are hard on the budget. Joan Bennett's clothes for "Woman on the Beach," consist of one sleazy evening gown and a costume of blue jeans, blouse and wedgies. Total cost: under \$10.

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George Raft turned from the rough to the refined when, after winning 25 straight bouts as a prizefighter, he was knocked out twice in a row. Then he quit the ring to become a dancer.

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Guy Madison takes a lot of ribbing because of his interest in archery in this atomic age. But Guy insists the bow and arrows will come in handy if he happens to be the sole survivor of an atomic war. That's being practical, Guy!

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When you see this, you'll probably feel you've seen everything possible in the way of women's hats. Ann Autherford wears a live dog as a hat in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." Ann says balancing a pooch on your head is better than balancing books to improve posture.

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Lynn Bari says she isn't superstitious about having to break four mirrors in the picture "Nocturne." Earlier in her career she had to break 20 mirrors for a scene in a movie, and the 140 years of bad luck haven't materialized.

lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, and is also a Mrs. MacDonald) have danced at charity bazaars in England. She cherishes theatrical ambitions.

While she lived in England, Sylvia enjoyed trips to France, Germany and Belgium, but says she's glad to exchange them all for the United States. Her only homesickness is for her father and mother, who live in London, and she is trying to persuade them to come to San Francisco.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

Another detachment bingo party has come and gone with a very good attendance Wednesday night. Wonder if the nylons and other prizes had anything to do with it??? Or could it have been the refreshments? As usual, everyone had fun and plans are in order for another one already.

Pvt. Robert Lewis of the Service Detachment returned from furlough. Although he had a fine time in the deep south, he returned with no greater degree of suhthin accent!

Conspicuous by his absence is Sgt. Ernest Anderson, better known as "Andy." He left us Wednesday to enter that confused postwar world as a civilian. By the time this hits print he should be well on his way to Minnesota.

T/5 Carl Lair left this week for 12 days of furlough time singing "Take me Back to Old Tulsa!" Wonder where he's going???

T/4 Douglas Hansen is back from furlough in body... but what about the spirit??? He took all of 25 days to make that long trip across the bay to Marin City.

Pvt. Junior W. Hall is Oklahoma furlough bound. Oklahoma is giving Texas competition in this column!

M/Sgt. Joseph Jones is leaving us for 90 days due to that re-enlistment furlough which will be spent in this city by the Golden Gate.

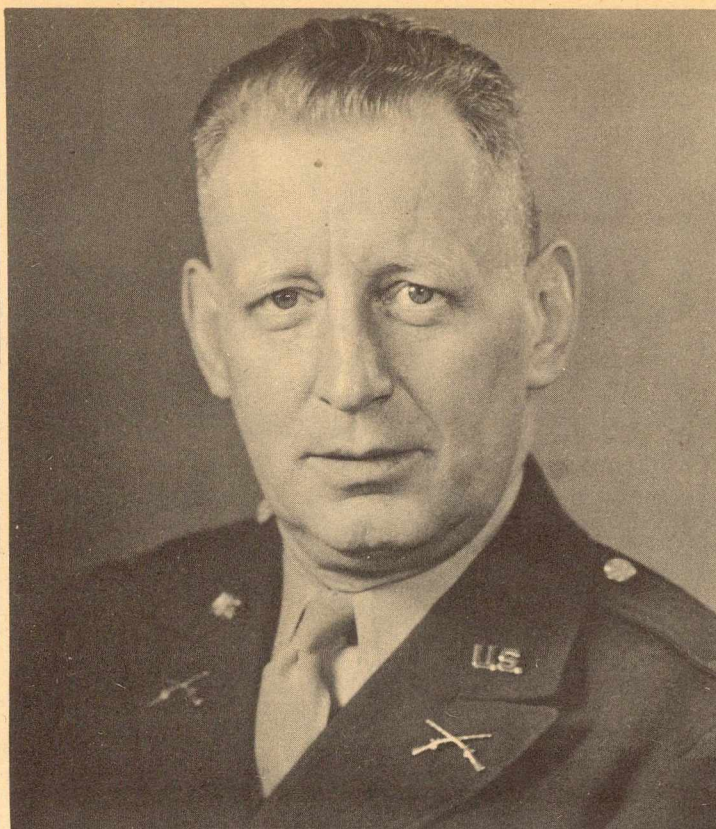
T/5 Benny Trammell is another back-from-furlough boy. Ben spent 25 fine days way down in Georgia. It's a shame to have to come back just as the hunting begins to get good. And what's all this talk about the Georgia peaches??

Pfc. James ("Daddy") Goodman is back from visiting that new son of his down in southern California... Long Beach to be specific.

Pvts. Benjamin Bohl, Floyd Simmons, and Curtis Bryant left this week for furloughs at home. Have fun, you lucky people!

Pvt. Merrell Davis is another returnee to duty after a merry furlough. For some reason or other he's not too happy at being back. Would you say his heart isn't in his work?

PHYSICAL RECONDITIONING CHIEF HAD LONG EXPERIENCE IN CIVIL LIFE



Captain LESLIE T. WOOD
Past master in physical education.

Playing no small part in the vigorous reconditioning program being carried on at Letterman is an officer who has devoted many years of his life to that activity and whose experience covers the World War I and the years between.

Captain Leslie T. Wood, Chief of the Physical Reconditioning Section, born in Newark, New Jersey, was a student at Colgate University for two years and completed his training at Springfield College in 1915. He joined the staff as instructor in Physical Education for the New York City Board of Education and remained until he joined the army two years later and served as an instructor in the Officers Training camp at Camp Gordon. With the end of hostilities he went back to New York and resumed his work for the Board of Education.

Captain Wood held a reserve commission and in January 1942 he was recalled to active duty with station at Camp Hood, Texas. He left there after two years to organize the Physical Reconditioning School at Fort Lewis, Washington. The men

who completed that course went to all of our general hospitals as directors and assistants and the captain enjoys a wide acquaintance as a result. In March 1945 he was transferred to Baxter General Hospital and when that was closed he came to Letterman the following November.

The captain is the officer in charge of the gymnasium and the swimming pool—the two favorite spots for all patients—and he maintains a schedule that operates those two facilities to maximum capacity. His staff of seven physical directors and six trainees exhibit deep interest in their work and that is the result of the captain's ability to inspire his staff with some of his zeal.

Captain Wood was married to Miss Bernice Coburn, of Jaffrey, N. H., in 1917, and they have one daughter, Patricia, who is a senior at the University of Washington. During the summer vacation "Pat" is lending a helping hand at the "Y" and is rapidly reaching the same height of popularity enjoyed by her father.

Anything For A Laugh

Doctor: "And how is our patient this morning?"

Nurse: "Much better. He tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

A young fellow was arrested for speeding, and somebody told him that the judge was a hearty, genial old boy who would be sure to respond favorably to the right kind of approach—the hail-fellow-well-met kind.

So the youth swaggered up to the bench, put out his paw, gave a laugh and boomed:

"Morning, judge, old boy, how are you?"

The judge said: "Fine—\$20."

A good line: The shortest distance between dates.

There was an old woman
Who lived in a shoe,
Hard to get an apartment,
Isn't it?

Judge: "Are you positive this man was drunk?"

Officer: "Well, sir, he put a penny in the mail box, looked up at the library clock and yelled, 'My Gawd, I've lost 30 pounds!'"

The other day I saw a magician walk down the street and turn into a drug store.

"My father knew he was going to die a month before his death."

"Who told him?"

"The judge."

"Well," said the tourist, "looks as if we might have some rain."

"Could be," drawled the Kansas, "I shore hope so. Not for myself, but for the kids here. I've seen it rain."

Judge: "I notice that in addition to stealing this money, you took a lot of valuable jewelry."

Defendant: "Yes, sir. I've always been taught that money alone does not bring happiness."

"My wife explored my pockets last night."

"What did she get?"

"About the same as any other explorer—enough material for a lecture."



Sgt Mervin J Hartman

Now that the Boston Red Sox are the hottest thing in baseball and are making fools of the pre-season crystal-gazers, who had tabbed the hub team as "strictly a fourth-place club," followers of the national pastime are terming Joe Cronin the miracle manager of the year.

However, prior to this season, Pappa Joe's career as Bosox skipper was anything but successful in the eyes of fans and press throughout the country. In the eleven years that he has piloted the club, Cronin has received more panning than any manager in the annals of baseball.

Not many people know, though, the trouble Cronin has had from temperamental gold-plated athletes who have made up his teams since he took over the Boston helm in 1935. Uncle Tom Yawkey, in his earnestness to bring a pennant to the hub-town, unlimbered his wallet and purchased such glorified firebrands as Jimmy Foxx, Lefty Grove, Wes Ferrell, Rube Walberg, Doc Cramer and Billy Werber. As a result the "boy wonder," who himself had been purchased as a player-manager after copping a flag for the Senators, was soon being told by these expensive chattels that: "I didn't play it that way when I was with Connie Mack or with Joe McCarthy, etc."

Today, according to the boss himself, the most wonderful thing is their hustle and spirit. Millionaire Yawkey, realizing in the last few years that you can't buy a pennant — not with established major leaguers anyway — organized a farm system, and a look at the Bosox line-up shows that the key players are either right off the farms or were picked-up from independent league teams as youngsters.

Ted Williams, who many people acclaim the game's greatest natural clouter, was purchased from San Diego. Bobby Doerr and Dominic DiMaggio were also brought up from the coast. The sensational shortstop, Johnny Pesky, and the Big Three of the mound staff, Tex Hughson, Dave Ferriss and Mickey Harris, are products of the farm chain. And what pleases Cronin most is that the three members of the present crew regulars, Pinky Higgins, Rudy York and Hal Wagner who have served under other commands, were purchased at Pappa Joe's request and thus wouldn't dare say a word.

RECONDITIONING Says

• 1. Beginning 6 July and continuing through the summer holiday, De Young Memorial Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco: **LOOKING FOR PLEASURE**, an informal showing of the great art of the past in lantern slides, Saturdays at 3:00, and, **PAINTING FOR PLEASURE**, three classes in drawing, painting, and clay modeling, Saturdays at 10:30.

2. Transportation is furnished daily for **GOMPERS TRADE SCHOOL** and **S. F. JR. COLLEGE**. Call 4403 for information.

3. A four-day course in photography is being conducted by Sgt. Richardson in the O. T. Shop. After the four days of instruction, the patient will be equipped well enough to develop and print his own negatives, also be able to use the Graphic Camera. He will be allowed to make contact prints only. After he has made good contact prints, he will be given instruction on the use of the enlarger. All patients will have to complete the four days of instruction before they are entitled to the use of the darkroom. The instructor, Sgt. Richardson, was a portrait photographer in St. Louis and Jefferson City, Mo. He attended Clarence White's School of Photography in New York, and studied with Helen Breaker in Paris and with Nicolas Hoz. Sgt. Richardson went through Lowery Field Air Corps Photo School, was overseas 16 months with a Photo Recon. group, and returned to Bushnell in 1943, where he set up the Photo Program.



INTERESTED IN FIGURES?

If you are, give ear (and eye) to those of curvaceous Rhonda Fleming, importantly cast in RKO Radio pictures. Rhonda's measurements read: 37 bust, 35 hips, 21 thigh, 13 calf, 8 ankle. She is five feet, eight inches tall and weighs 125 pounds.

Honesty of U.S. Officer Amazes Nazi Captive

Washington (CNS)—Ernst Bodo Dannemann was an oberleutnant in Gen. Rommel's Afrika Korps. Along with thousands of other Nazis, he was captured in May, 1943, searched, and sent to a PW camp in the U.S.

But what most impressed him was the fact that the American officer, "a Jew and an honorable man," who searched him and took 3,100 francs, actually gave him a receipt for the money and other personal property. Dannemann, now a customs inspector in Germany, never forgot the incident, and recently he wrote to the New York Times asking that his money, if possible be given to a needy Jewish family selected from the One Hundred Neediest Cases for which the paper annually raises funds in the Christmas season.

Dannemann's story was confirmed in War Department records, and the American officer turned out to be Capt. Arnold Kohn, of New York. A lieutenant when in Africa, the officer's signature on the receipt was taken by Dannemann to be "Levi Kohn," while actually it was "Lt. A. Kohn." Capt. Kohn, now serving in the Military Intelligence Division, was not impressed by the incident which influenced reconstruction of the one-time Rommel man. Told that Dannemann was astonished he had not sneaked the 3,100 francs into his own pocket, Capt. Kohn replied, "They're just different people."

As for the money, it already had been sent to the European Theater Provost Marshal, so Dannemann will have to get his money there and then dispose of it however he wishes.

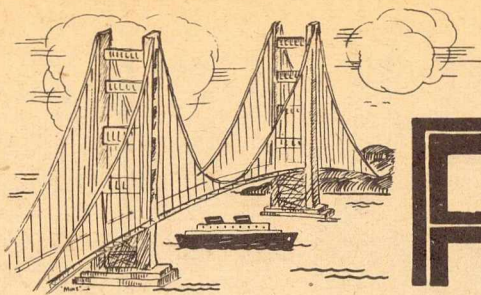
MORE ABOUT PHARMACIST DUTIES

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trative positions in the Office of the Surgeon General.

General Kirk stated that pharmacy officers will receive the same pay, emoluments and retirement benefits as other officers of similar grade and length of service in the Regular Army. Promotions in field grade will be, as in the case of other branches, consistent with the needs of the service.

Charles Ruggles, recently returned from a three-month USO tour of the Pacific area, has now completed his phone calls to relatives and friends of servicemen he met while on tour. He was besieged by requests from the men to make calls and deliver messages, he did it. Total number of calls: 425.



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Col. Blanchfield, Director of Nurses, Visits Letterman

Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Director of Nursing Service, United States Army, was a Letterman visitor over the past week end when she stopped off briefly before leaving for an inspection tour of the Pacific area.

In an interview with a reporter for the FOGHORN when Colonel Blanchfield was asked about the procedure to be followed by nurses who wished to come into the Regular Army she replied: "We are asking nurses to submit a letter of interest, addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army, setting forth their professional qualifications, and inclusive dates of service during World War II."

"On receipt of the letters the Personnel Section of the Nursing Service decides whether or not the applicant meets the requirements for appointment, and in the event of qualification the letter is placed on file pending the enactment of legislation for establishing a permanent Army Nurse Corps in commissioned grade. Normally no reply is sent to such a letter. On the other hand, if the applicant is obviously not qualified a letter is sent advising her of the reason for her rejection."

Legislation has been asked, but until such time as the Congress is prepared to consider the matter no information can be released on the details. There are at the present time 800 nurses who hold Regular Army appointments and it is hoped the new strength of the corps will be 2500.

Colonel Blanchfield also stated that any officer of the Army Nurse Corps with an efficiency rating of 3.5 or better would have the privilege of changing from category 2, 3,



Colonel FLORENCE A. BLANCHFIELD, AUS
Director of Nursing Service, U. S. Army

or 4 to category 1 for continued service with the army.

The colonel will proceed to Tokyo without delay where she will be joined by Lt. Col. Mary G. Phillips, supervising nurse for the Pacific area, on a tour of every installation where nurses are serving. Col. Phillips will accompany Col. Blanchfield as far as Honolulu on the return trip.

Colonel Blanchfield has been Director of Nurses since 1 June 1943.

Patients Enjoy USO Boat Trip Around San Francisco Bay

Nearly fifty of the boys at Letterman, accompanied by about 25 USO junior hostesses, made the trip on the Yacht Cavanaugh around San Francisco Bay last week—and a USO photographer went along too. Some of the results are on Page Three.

These trips are calculated to make you feel like a million—the yacht itself is reputed to have cost a million and a half. It used to belong to Edsel Ford, and is now used by the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Last Thursday's trip with the USO girls was a complete success. Besides a gorgeous day and the well-known San Francisco breeze, all enjoyed frequent coffees and a delicious buffet luncheon.

These USO pictures on Page Three are only a part of the collection that was made. The USO has made arrangements with H. A. "Pop" Loomis, director of the Presidio Army YMCA-USO by which a complete display of all the pictures made on the trip will be shown for the next week or more. Anyone who wants a copy of a picture in which he recognizes himself or a friend should tell Mr. Loomis. He'll have a copy made—on the photographic equipment at the Y. This service is provided by the YMCA-USO without charge.

The trip was part of a series which have been held each Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesdays, the boys go fishing—and sometimes even catch fish. Thursday is USO day and not only the boys but the girls themselves report that this yachting is one of the most exciting and fun-producing of all the USO enterprises.

Broadcast

Ceremonies commemorating the 171st anniversary of the Army Medical Department, to be held today at the Army Medical Center, will be broadcast over Letterman's radio station KLGH at 12:15 p.m. General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk will be on the program.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

Don't forget the detachment picnic at the "Old Hearst Ranch" tomorrow — swimming, dancing, tennis, golf, and food. Bring your dates and have fun!

T/5 Lawrence Bauby and Cpl. Norman Amundson back from TDY and a fine trip to New Mexico.

S/Sgt. Warren Meyer of the Orthopedic Shop is off to furlough and thirty days in San Francisco. Don't let us catch you hanging around the hospital, sarge.

Sgt. Reice Dixon back from 16 days at home. Welcome back, sarge.

The latest members of our detachment to join the wearers of the "ruptured duck," Sgt. Paul Jackson, Cpl. Tolly McCorkle and Pfc. George Yecker, left this week and we know they will be missed by their friends.

T/5 Joseph Record to furlough and that special somebody in Salt Lake City.

Pvt. Ben Marsh back from furlough and a very fine time in Oregon.

Pvt. Andrew Baier also back from furlough with a very fine tan. On you it looks good, Andy.

Pfc. Arnold Stern back from that re-enlistment furlough, still claims Texas is wonderful. These Texans must be prejudiced. Anyway, he's hard at work at the receptionist's desk in the laboratory.

Sgt. James Harkin of Unit Personnel will be back from furlough tomorrow and we'll bet he's not too happy to leave Montana.

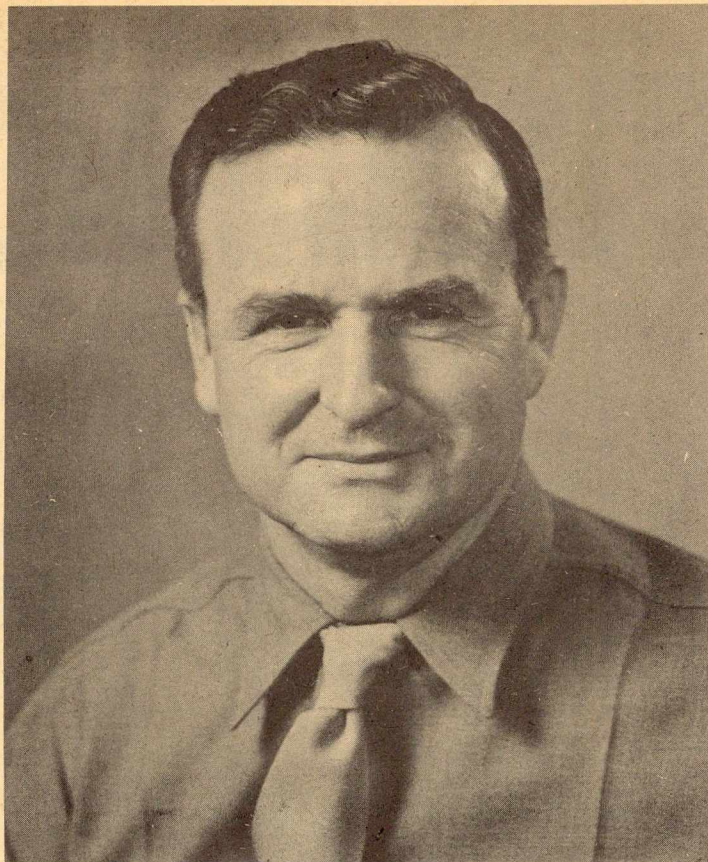
At Air Show

More than 200 Letterman patients were among the crowd of 25,000 spectators Monday at the Army Air Show at Hamilton Field. They saw B-29s, P-61s (the Black Widow night fighters), and the fabulous P-80s, the jet propulsion planes, in plenty of action. In addition to the sky show, the Army staged ground demonstrations of planes, life-saving devices and other equipment.

Phil: "Thought you had a date with Helen tonight?"

Bill: "Well, when I saw her leave the house at five minutes of eight with someone else, I called off the date."

"COMING TO LETTERMAN LIKE COMING HOME" TO MASTER SGT. ADDINGTON



**Master Sergeant ERMON R. ADDINGTON
In Charge of Receiving Office**

Master Sergeant Ermon R. Addington, who is in charge of the Receiving Office at Letterman, is a veteran of both World War I and World War II, and was one of the men liberated on that historic day in January 1944 when the 6th Rangers freed the prisoners at Cabanatuan Prison Camp in the Philippines.

Sergeant Addington has been in the Army for 14 years, entering the service in March 1918 at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Within six weeks he was in France with the 318th Engineers, and spent 13 months overseas, part of that time in Germany, with the Army of Occupation. On his return to the United States he received his discharge and went back to school to complete his education.

In 1934 he decided to exchange civilian life for the Army, and re-enlisted at the Station Dispensary at the Presidio, where he remained until 1938, when he was sent to the Philippines. He was assigned to duty at the Philippine Medical Supply

Depot, and was there when war broke out. When Manila was declared an open city, the depot was moved to Bataan.

After the fall of Corregidor in May 1942 Sergeant Addington was in Bilibid prison for a short time, before the prisoners were taken to Cabanatuan. There he took part in setting up the camp hospital and was in charge of the hospital rations.

"The rations were principally rice, along with whatever food the Japs didn't want, which was usually pretty well spoiled. The combat troops received very rough treatment, the medics had it slightly better," he says.

"After the Rangers' surprise attack came on the night of January 30, the prisoners were out of the camp in 28 minutes. All the patients in the camp hospital walked, with those in the worst condition being helped by the others. We hiked all night, across rice paddies, through the undergrowth and across a river.

Notice to WACs Interested in Overseas Duty

WACs who have desired overseas service but have to date not had the opportunity to go abroad will be interested to learn the latest news regarding overseas assignments. Quota for the WACs for the European Theater of Operations has been placed at 1200, and for Japan, 800. Although the MOS number called for are 055, 405 and 213, there is a small quota for Medical WACs with medical technicians' MOS numbers who will be needed to serve overseas.

The requirements are high for present overseas duty, but it is believed that every WAC who has the desire to serve elsewhere than in the continental United States will be able to do so.

The 1200 girls for ETO will depart from New Jersey in three groups: one group will leave in August, the second at the beginning of September, and the third group will leave the latter part of September.

Any girl signing up for this type of service will be obliged to remain overseas for one year, and to serve as a civilian should she be released from the Corps before her year has been completed.

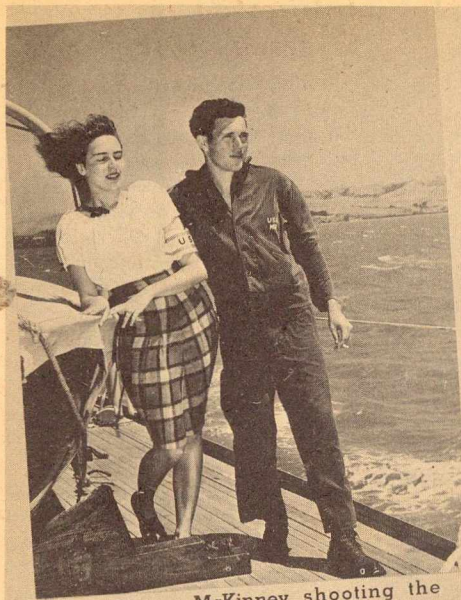
We covered 30 miles, and at 9 o'clock the next morning, we were picked up by American trucks and taken to an evacuation hospital."

"There we had our first American food—eggs and meat, and it seemed unbelievable. After a few days we were taken to Lingayen Bay, then by air to Leyte, where we went aboard the transport A. E. Alexander for the trip to the United States. I got back to San Francisco March 8, 1945, and you can guess it looked good to me."

Sergeant Addington spent his recuperation furlough in Idaho with his parents. He was then assigned to Barnes General Hospital at Vancouver, Washington, and was there until the hospital closed in December 1945. After a 90-day re-enlistment furlough in Oregon and Idaho, he came to Letterman "and it seemed like coming home again."

He and his wife live in San Francisco. In his leisure time Sergeant Addington's favorite pastimes are hunting and fishing, which he does not have much time for now. "But I got a lot of both in on my furloughs," he reports.

USO Takes Patients on San Francisco Bay Boat Ride



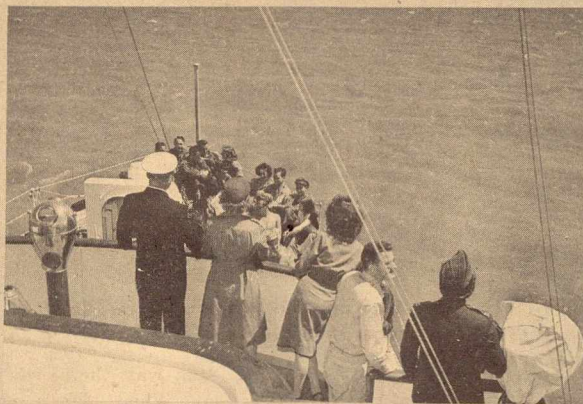
Pvt. Eugene McKinney shooting the breeze with USO Hostess Betty Jo Mohns



Coffee Time for Pfc. Donald Bennett and his wife Virginia



How to relax, demonstrated by Doralee Fredericksen and Sgt. Mal Merrill



Sgt. Charles Montague gives a lesson in navigation to Bernice Braas



Pointers on piloting from First Mate Armor Steele to Pfc. Charles Knotts and Norma Sprinkel



Cpl. Edward Terry tells tall tales to Hostess Helen Rich

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EDITORIAL

TRY IT OUT

It may sound like an old story to talk about doing something for the other fellow, and it is an old story. But it's a thing we need a reminder about every once in a while, because it's something most of us forget very easily.

When we get deeply in the groove of thinking only of ourselves, we look at our own problems with too much intensity, and they have a way of magnifying themselves because they're getting all that attention.

You don't even have to go out of your way to think of things to do for the other fellow. You usually find plenty of opportunity to do some of the little things for your fellow-patients or co-workers that will make things more pleasant for them.

What you do doesn't have to be anything big. Lots of times just a small kindness brings an amazing amount of happiness. The main thing is to do it.

It may be easier to forget about it, and to do nothing for yourself, but you'll be surprised to find what a lot of good it will do for you and your own mood if you obey every one of your generous impulses.

Try it some time and see how it works.

WAC

By Bette Byers

The new program set up for discharges of WACs is as follows: Half of the girls eligible for discharge on 20 points between now and 30 September will be discharged by 20 August. The remaining half will be discharged by 20 September. All WACs who do not re-enlist or who have not signed categories extending their service period, will be discharged by 31 October. All women are encouraged to consider the advantages offered while they are in uniform, and to sign categories to remain in the service for the duration plus six months, until 30 June 1947, or to continue on duty at present station until completion of assignment.

Colonel Westray Boyce is reported to be attempting to inaugurate a new regulation allowing WACs to wear civilian clothes off duty, and it is likely that this time it will be passed. The only reason it is now prevented is because the men in khaki have not that privilege.

At Ft. Monroe, Virginia, a WAC Detachment has been activated as a model WAC Company for the Regular Army. On the results of this, the Regular Army WAC program will be based.

Among the changes inaugurated at this camp are the quarters, which are set up so that there are two girls to one room, with private bath adjoining. Rooms are furnished by the girls as they prefer them.

Plans for a regular Women's Army Corps are already in the making. A battalion of three companies will be set up . . . and all WACs will serve three month's basic training, with OCS running into six months. The total Corps will consist of 5,000 enlisted women whose ages range from 18 to 35, and 500 officers from 21 to 47 years of age. Tests will be given throughout the basic training period, and only groups 1, 2 and 3, will be allowed to remain in the Corps. If a girl's clerical ability is higher than her mechanical ability, her MOS will be planned throughout her Army career for her. If past experience shows a woman to be skilled, her training will be shortened. No one will be sent out to the field until she is completely skilled in the job she is to do.

The enlistment period will be for 18 months or three years, with only 150 recruits per month. OCS will be



By Bette Byers

The bells rang again in the little church tower as Lieut. Martha Ruth Zimbrick marched down the aisle of the Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Oakland on July 12. The nervous groom was Mr. Robert E. Miller, now a student at the University of California, and formerly a patient on C-2, who had served three and one-half years with the Eleventh Airborne in the Pacific. Preceding the bride, who wore a lovely white satin gown, was her Maid of Honor, Lieut. June Paddock, also of Letterman, and her Bridesmaid, Lieut. Carolyn Johnson of Ft. Baker, California. The honeymoon was spent in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and the couple returned to make their home on Telegraph Avenue in Oakland.

Lieut. Zimbrick will officially take up the duties of Mrs. Robert Miller after she leaves Camp Beale this weekend, at which time she and her husband will head north to visit her family in Oregon. Our congratulations and the best of luck to you!

Captain Louise H. Alfred arrived at Letterman last month, but the press didn't catch up with her until this week. She is with the Regular Army Nurse Corps, and has eight months of Burma to her credit. Prior to her overseas service, Captain Alfred spent four years at Ft. Benjamin Harrison Station Hospital in Indiana, and three years at Ft. Niagara, New York, where she was Chief Nurse. Since her overseas tour she has been to Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, California, and came to us directly from Dibble General Hospital, Captain Alfred received her training at Baroness Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Prior to her enlistment, she tasted army life by traveling with her family from New York to Panama, depending upon where her father, now a retired army officer, lived. The welcome mat is out for

opened at all times. Women will be able to apply for overseas duty so long as there is an Army of Occupation. The Women's Army Corps will consist mainly of clerical workers, with MOS numbers of 055, 405 and 213.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, July 28, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Gen. Bethea Here

Brigadier General James A. Bethea, war time commanding general of McClosky General Hospital at Temple, Texas, and more recently commanding general of Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was a Letterman visitor over the past weekend. The general is en route to his new assignment as Chief Surgeon for the Pacific Area, with headquarters in Tokyo.

Colonel Brown S. McClintic, Deputy Commander, entertained General Bethea at luncheon on Sunday and the other guests were Colonel James P. Crawford and Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna. All four were contemporaries on the staff at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington just a quarter of a century ago.

The Letterman WAC Softball Team scored their 18th victory Monday night at Rolph Park, Army and Potrero streets, defeating the Hanlon & Nunes team by a score of 20 to 3. So far the LGH WACs are undefeated in the City League tournament. All games are played at Rolph Park. Transportation leaves the gymnasium at 4:30.

you, even though a little tardy.

Lieut. Barbara Hartman Kelly, former assistant director of Cadet Nurses, has returned to San Francisco to continue her honeymoon while on terminal leave. She left Letterman in November for duty in the Pacific, and ultimately landed in Tokyo for station, where she and Lt. Col. Charles Kelly, AAF, were married in St. Luke's Church in May. Colonel Kelly is now stationed at Hamilton Field and the couple hope to make their home in San Francisco.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LEOLA M. HUFFMAN
Technician Fourth Grade

"You can't always tell the book by its cover," may well be applied to T/4 Leola M. Huffman. Leola is a very poised, quiet willowy blonde whose constant calmness is definitely misleading about her fascinating and exciting profession.

Psychiatric work is Leola's job, not only in the army, but in her civilian career as well. For four years she studied and worked in the beautiful surroundings of Camarillo State Mental Hospital just out of Oxnard in southern California. She learned to assist in electric shock and insulin shock therapy, working with alcoholics and extremely violent cases, besides being assigned to the school children's ward where cases of eleven to seventeen year old girls were treated. Every institution has its pet names to replace the laymen's language, and "Violent Hall," where Leola put in much service to the mentally ill was one of those which requires no further explanation.

In spite of being in such a dangerous profession and having been the victim of many attacks, Leola had no fear of patients she treated. She has confidence that nothing too serious will occur, which may account for her serenity.

For two years prior to her enlistment, Leola vacationed from her profession by becoming a bookkeeper for the Navy. Then the recruiting finger was pointed in her direction, and on March of '45 she left for Fort Oglethorpe, and five weeks of basic before being sent to Dibble General Hospital. She arrived at Letterman this June.

"When you get home from work, you have to have something different for relaxation," says Leola, and following this theory she has become interested in dancing, cards, reading, needlepoint, swimming, riding, and dogs. Before she came into

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Like a king on a throne, Ira Landerman of E-1 lies in bed surrounded by gorgeous bright-colored glad-iolas. They are brought by Ira's wife, who is a glad' fancier, and she dashes into a room with the lovely flowers as soon as she has found a new rare color among her flower bed. Consequently, the effect as you approach Ira is breath-taking.

On C-1 Belche and Henry Kremenek play cards with an eye on the door, watching to see that they don't miss anything. Evidently there's no monia involved! Purely a pastime, n'cest pas?

Theodore Tews of C-1 draws attention of wandering visitors to his room because of the dodo-bird perched upon his bedside table. Mr. Tews (Yes, he's one of these civilians . . . a retired master sergeant, no less), claims the boid brings him luck, and he carved it himself out of pinecone and wood. A very nifty job. Maybe "Wild Bill" Ahlberg of E-1 should borrow it for his home-work bird instead of burying his nose in Algebra books!

Ward E-2 is confused. Are they going oriental? With Frank Huffer speaking Chinese as well as he does English, one never knows just what the topic of conversation might be. Frank has been in the service for 19 years, having served ten years in China. He expects to return to the Orient when he is retired and become a civilian interpreter. Velly nice, Frank. When will you start growing that queue?

On E-1 Daniel Candilla is all tied up in strings as he weaves a varicolored belt. Nice job, Dan, but how do you keep track of all those colors going into the right pattern?

Grrrr! It's not a howl from the boys of E-1, but a moan. The WACs have been pulled off their ward to serve in other places where they are needed, and the boys just don't go for the idea. The pouts are signs of their unhappiness, and the puzzled expressions due to their wondering just what ward could

the Army, she possessed two blonde Cocker Spaniels. Her pride and joy, however, is a man called "Karl." Karl is all of eight years old, and the picture of his blonde, blue-eyed mother, who has chosen a most unusual career.

need them more!

Al Smeenk of C-2 was visited by a red-capped gentleman this week . . . no, not a porter, but a Shriner—Al's former boss, when he worked for the American Can Company in that Northwest country. The good news was that Al has a good offer to go back to his former job, and plans are being made in that direction. Nice going, pal.

Rumors have it that Chung Hoy of C-2 will field it to the outside wards soon. What a change that would be! By the way, Chung is very fond of that little dish called "rice." All the better to speak his fascinating language, maybe?

During the hobby-lobby show, Ed Seifert of Ward 1 played announcer, while Rip White carried off some monologue last Wednesday in the Radio Room. The program is to give patients an opportunity to appear in person, carrying on some phase of the controls, broadcast, etc. If you have an interesting hobby . . . or even an uninteresting one . . . contact the radio room . . . or drop down to see the boys do their stuff on Wednesdays after 2 o'clock. It's fun, and interesting. You may find John Jowar working the controls . . . since he's been taking lessons from the radio men in their men's world of Room 3 basement floor.

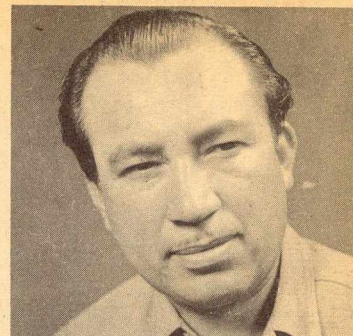
Armando Novelo of E-1 is absent from hospital routine since he received that snazzy new Oldsmobile. Never taking anything for granted, Armando zooms up and down San Francisco's steepest hills to see what cars are made of these days. It's still in one piece.

Hans Gaare of E-2 returned from a forty-five day gentleman's holiday spent in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Oregon, and Washington. The lucky Hans stayed at all the best hotels, and took life like O'Reilly!

Tommy Paine of Ward 28 has returned from Madigan General Hospital to join his pals at Letterman. His buddies are glad to see him back, and there was great rejoicing when Tommy's face first appeared among the crowd.

Ed Seifert of Ward 1 has lost his wheel chair! If it isn't "Stinky" or a nurse, it's something else! What next? Ed still has his eyes focused on all wheel chairs, and if ever it is recognized, there's sure to be a whoop and a holler!

ON THE SPOT



RAUL R. MORIN
Private First Class

If you haven't a sense of humor, you won't appreciate the talents of Pfc. Raul R. Morin of ward 3. Raul is a cartoonist and a caricaturist by heart, but by trade, he's a sign painter.

With his little brush and ink, Raul has humored many a patient out of his indigo mood by sketching funny men, sometimes the patient himself, on casts and drawing boards. It's just a matter of exaggerating the outstanding features, or "accentuating the positive" but the results are terrific. His hobby began early in his life, and it wasn't until Raul was out of school that he attended Frank Wiggins Trade School for a commercial art course in the evenings. His art comes naturally, and it didn't take much coaxing on the professor's part.

Raul began professional caricaturing during fiesta time in Santa Barbara, where he lived before moving on to Los Angeles. And later he hung out his shingle on Olvera Street where he drew portraits and caricatures for tourists. His favorite is that of Joe Louis. But Raul puts his portraits aside, for he doesn't believe in flattering anyone with the brush. It's the real thing that people don't appreciate about themselves . . . so he went into the sign painting business, and has 15 years to his credit. He's painted everything from murals in the NBC Radio Studios of Hollywood, down to little signs for the smallest merchant.

Originally Raul came from Texas, but we won't hold that against him. He set his world aright when he moved to California! He's a family man with two boys and a girl to follow in his footsteps, and already they show signs of seeing the world through caricature paint brushes.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

There are buttons popping off the shirt of champion "Nick" Nixon, instructor in Occupational Therapy Section, as he announces the arrival of an eight pound son born Saturday. Congratulations to the Nixon family and we hope we can meet the new heir soon.

Back from a six week's motor trip east is Mildred Bryant. She and her husband, Captain Bryant, went to Annapolis for the graduation exercises of their son. "A future admiral," says Mildred.

Fun and frolic filled the two days Peggy Carver, Laboratory, spent surf swimming at Carmel last weekend.

The popular sport for the Motor Pool fans takes place in Hayward, as Joe Norton, Orval Morris, Carlos Music, and John Irvine never miss their opportunity to be spectators at the auto races.

The southern part of the state held most of the interest for Beverly Rowe of the Laboratory, who returned after a two week's vacation visiting in San Diego, Laguna Beach, Lake Arrowhead, and Ontario. Her mode of travel was by plane and train.

Our "Welcome Mat" was dusted off again and this week we welcome Marie Murphy to the Civilian Personnel Branch, and Robert Cantacessi, Army veteran, carrying on with photography in the Photo laboratory.

The weather did wrong for Esther Grobler one day last week when she anticipated a beautifully warm day and donned a lovely cool white frock for work. Her teeth chattered a little as the wind blew and the fog insisted on rolling in!

Remaining in San Francisco, hoping for lots of sunshine, Roy Pfaffle takes a few days leave from the Laundry.

Eleanor Roosevelt has published the questions and answers to her own private Information Please, the questions she has been asked by people in every walk of life in these United States. The book is called "If You Ask Me" and is one of those books which can be read from the middle out or from the back front. In other words, open it any place and read, and you'll be interested. In the Library.

"PIONEERING STREAK" IS STRONG IN LETTERMAN'S ONLY WOMAN PHYSICIAN



Captain ELEANOR HAMILTON, MC
"You can eat only one slice of bread at a time!"

Captain Eleanor Hamilton arrived at Letterman early in July and, as has been the case in each of her Army assignments, found herself the only woman doctor on the staff. This doesn't surprise her any more, because during the war the Army had a total of only 75 feminine physicians, and the number has dwindled since the end of hostilities.

For Captain Hamilton Army life is an absorbing interval between pioneering activities. After she received her M.D. from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, she practiced for a time in New York City, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, but "my pioneering streak was too strong to let me go on with that," she says.

Forthwith she bought some land in the Kentucky hills, at Beefhide Creek, Pike County, and taking two girls with her whom she trained as assistants, she established a clinic which became a social service center as well as a medical center for the communities in the area. She was there for seven years, until she

entered the Army in March 1944, and when she left the clinic was serving 20,000 people. Her assistants remained as registered midwives to carry on the work.

"Somehow I learned to go ahead and do things instead of just dreaming about them," says Captain Hamilton, "and I found that it doesn't take much money to get started. You can eat only one slice of bread at a time. I went to Kentucky with \$2,000, and after the building was finished, there was about \$2 left. We raised most of our own food, and our patients often paid us with a sack of potatoes or a pig.

"The money we received went for drugs and gas. We used about five gallons a day getting around to our patients. Our ambulance was a half-ton truck covered over with canvas, a modern covered wagon, and since there were no roads, we conducted amphibious operations by traveling in the creek beds. We delivered about 200 babies each month, all home deliveries, and handled minor surgery at the clinic.

Maj. Clayton Goes

Major Rex P. Clayton yielded up the honor of being the officer with the longest continuous service at Letterman last week when orders were published announcing his assignment to Camp Polk, La.

The major reported to Letterman for extended active duty under his reserve commission as a second lieutenant on 20 September 1940. He was promoted through the ranks of first lieutenant and captain and reached the grade of major 16 April 1945. He has been Chief of the Dietetics branch here for the past four years.

Major Clayton was commissioned in the Regular Army last month with the rank of major in the Pharmacy Corps.

"I got used to walking across suspension bridges, clutching my bag in one hand and hanging on with the other. It was general practice under the most primitive conditions, and I treated everything from snake-bites to grandpa's gout. I remember a patient coming to the clinic one day to get 'ten cents worth of pain killers and cold tablets mixed.'

"The patients were very grateful for everything that was done for them. I built a community church near the clinic. My friends sent me their discarded clothes, and I held old clothes sales, which the women particularly enjoyed. They could buy a pair of shoes for 10 cents, and they regarded evening gowns as 'fine cool clothes to wear to hoe corn in.'

"It wasn't always necessary to keep cool, though. I can remember when it was so cold that the ink would freeze even when there was a fire in the fireplace."

Since entering the Army, Captain Hamilton has been at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.; Camp White, Ore.; and Camp Lockett Convalescent Hospital near San Diego.

Already she is engaged with plans for her next pioneering project, which she will begin when she gets out of the Army in December. This time she will homestead on land in California, 500 acres in the southern part of the state. There she intends to have a vacation retreat and rehabilitation center for business and professional women, "and it will be an inexpensive place to stay," she says. She plans to take a course in clinical psychology to prepare her for her work there.

Army Medical Department Observes 171st Anniversary

The Army Medical Department observes its 171st anniversary today, July 27. Under the guidance of Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, the Department emerged from World War II with an unexcelled record of achievement in the evacuation and care of the wounded, in salvaging casualties for return to active duty or civil life, and in making certain vital contributions to medical knowledge which will ultimately benefit the civil population.

Although U. S. troops were scattered over the world in disease-ridden areas and exposed to highly destructive weapons, the health of the Army was better during World War II than at any time in its history.

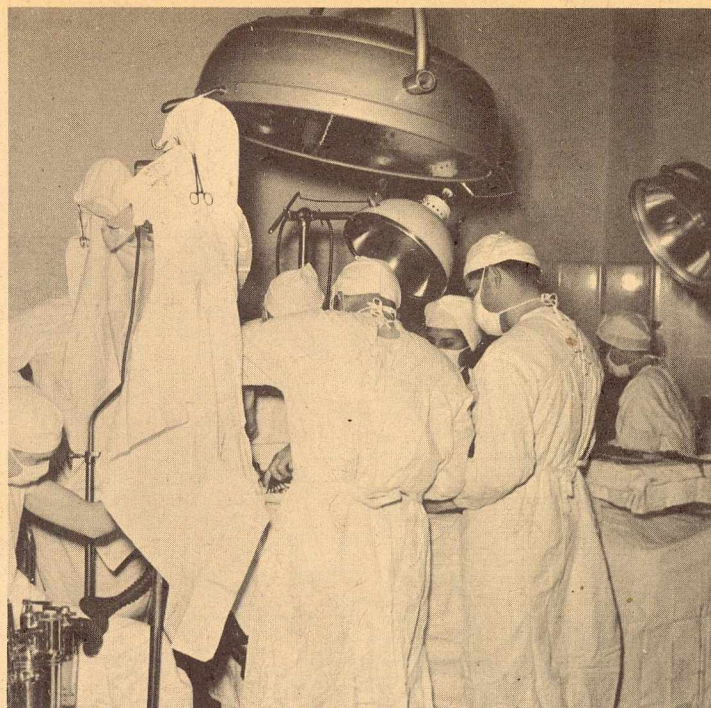
Despite the enormous number of battle wounds, the death rate from casualties in the recent conflict was 4.5 per cent, as contrasted with 8.3 per cent in World War I. Surgeons saved about 96 of every 100 wounded men admitted to Army hospitals.

The record in disease casualties was also outstanding. The annual death rate per 1,000 for all diseases in the Army was 0.6 per cent. In World War I it was 16.5 per cent. A force of 10,000 men in 1918 had a death rate of 156 each year from disease, but in World War II a force of this size lost only six men each year from disease.

The Army's extensive immunization program played a major role in this record of life conservation. Early in 1940, The Surgeon General expanded the Army's immunization program to meet the new disease threats inherent in a global war. All troops were routinely vaccinated against smallpox, typhoid fever, and the paratyphoid fevers A and B. They were actively immunized against tetanus—a measure of great value in protecting the wounded.

Effective vaccines against yellow fever, epidemic typhus fever, cholera and plague were given to troops sent to areas where these deadly diseases existed. It is noteworthy that none of these diseases assumed any significance among our troops during the war. No cases of yellow fever occurred in the Army during World War II.

In the fall of 1945, following promising experimental tests, all personnel were immunized against influenza. The Army has procured



ARMY SURGEONS AT WORK

more than a million dollars worth of influenza vaccine, containing both A and B viruses, for use if conditions warrant.

The immunization program is one of the Army's most potent weapons for preserving good health, and thousands of American soldiers owe their lives to it. It is a far cry from the protective measures practiced in 1776, when soldiers commonly inoculated themselves against smallpox after an epidemic broke out during the retreat of the Continental Army from Quebec.

Of vital concern now to Surgeon General Kirk is the safeguarding of American troops stationed in overseas areas where plagues and diseases which follow in the wake of war are apt to occur. Never have preventive medicine regulations been relaxed during or since the shooting war.

The impressive accomplishments of the Medical Department in World War II have added to the prestige of the Army as an agency for the promotion of scientific progress. It has been said that World War II might easily be remembered throughout history not for its battles and destruction, but rather for some of the scientific development that resulted from the conflict.

Important among these was the

vast production of penicillin and the establishment in Army hospitals of its range of clinical usefulness. Of equal significance was the introduction of DDT as a personal and environmental insecticide. This potent insect killer has been hailed as the most valuable weapon of preventive medicine perfected during this century.

Atabrine likewise ranks as one of the foremost developments of the war. Used as a substitute for quinine in the Medical Department's battles against malaria, this drug made possible the successful campaigns that were waged in the most malarious areas of the world. In one of the most beautifully coordinated programs which marked scientific endeavor during the war, some 14,000 chemical compounds were studied for their antimalarial properties. About 80 of them showed promise enough to warrant clinical investigation in human malaria. The use of whole blood, blood plasma, and serum albumin in the prevention and treatment of shock and in resuscitation therapy also ranks high among the medical advances of the war.

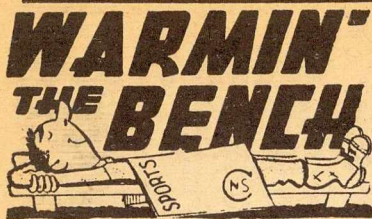
The Medical Department made other important contributions to medical service as a result of World War II experience. Though less spectacu-

lar than the advances mentioned above, they have added greatly to the sum of scientific learning. These include new technics in surgery, particularly thoracic, peripheral nerve surgery, orthopedic surgery, and surgery of the heart. Interesting in nerve surgery was the development of the substance called fibrin foam, composed of substances taken from by-products of blood plasma production. This substance serves to clot blood and acts as a framework for the growth of nerves.

Tantalum, another new substance, was developed and put to use both as a suture material and as a foil for filling defects of bone. New methods of controlling contagious diseases were developed. These include a method of oiling floors and blankets to trap the germs of airborne infections and the use of glycol vapors to sterilize the air. Both procedures were instrumental in lowering the number of air-borne infections among the troops in barracks.

Another by-product of blood plasma production, called gamma globulin, was found to contain antibodies which are capable of combating measles. The use of various sulfa drugs was widened and streptomycin, the new sister-drug of penicillin, was introduced and showed definite promise in the treatment of various infectious diseases. Knowledge of many obscure diseases, including hepatitis, scrub typhus, filariasis, and schistosomiasis, increased greatly as a result of the Medical Department studies. The menace of disease spread by rats was lessened by the development of two new rodenticides known as nathu and 1080. The former is notable because it is not toxic to most large animals or to human beings. These and other advances are but an indication of the numerous strides in medicine developed under the impetus of war.

Postwar plans announced by General Kirk include the employment of outstanding civilian physicians as consultants to the Medical Department. These men will be specialists in their respective fields, and will be available for consultation, diagnostic and general supervisory work. Thus a soldier will have the skilled attention of civilian medical leaders as well as that of highly-trained Army physicians.



Sgt Mervin J Hartman

Only the most avid fight fan can tell you that Tony Zale is the undisputed middleweight champion of the world. The reason this fact is not more widely known is that for almost four years, the husky blond king of the 160-pound class was a chief specialist in Gene Tunney's physical training outfit and thus away from the public eye.

But once again Zale is back in the limelight, for on July 25th, the 32-year-old titleholder will defend his coveted crown against Rockabye "Rocky" Graziano, the man with the "atomic" punch, in what promises to be a really rugged bout. Followers of the "manly art of self defense" are banking on this fight to regain for boxing the popularity and prestige it enjoyed before the Louis-Conn fiasco.

They know that the "Rock" will make it a great tussle because he is a lethal puncher and as tough a fighter as ever stepped into the ring. Freddy "Red" Cochran will attest to the Brooklyn strong boy's devastating prowess as a slugger for the former welterweight champ was twice dropped to the canvas by his looping haymaker. And although Zale may have lost something during his years of service, the "smart-money" boys know that the Gary, Indiana, ex-steel-worker always took his livelihood seriously and kept himself in good shape. They know, too, that Zale is a rough-and-ready mauler who also possesses a pretty healthy wallop.

Fistiana will not soon forget the evening Zale won the title from Al Hostak, defending NBA champ. Before the large crowd had comfortably settled in their seats, Zale was dropped for the count, but he came back strong and kayoed the Seattle slugger in the 13th round. He wrested the undisputed title from Georgie Abrams in almost the same manner. Abrams, recognized by the New York State Boxing Commission, also floored him in the opening stanza, but Zale came up from the canvas to gain a well-earned decision.

Since donning civilian garb last September, Tony, whose real name is Zalinski, has flattened six opponents, the longest going five rounds. Zale has had a lot of trouble with boxers, though. He lost an unpopular decision to fleet-footed Billy Conn in 1942 before entering the Navy and also wound up on the short end of a decision with Billy Soose, another clever foot-artist.

Like Joe Louis, Zale is 32 years-of-age and hasn't defended his title in more than four years.

RECONDITIONING Says

1. Welcome to Lt. Colonel Jesse U. Pritchett, new Chief of Reconditioning Service, who comes to Letterman from Welch Convalescent Hospital at Daytona Beach, Florida, and 1st Lt. David Stoddard, assigned to Educational Reconditioning Section, who also comes from Welch Convalescent Hospital.

2. Cpl. Erwin Strobel, Wd. K-3, hit the jack-pot last week on the GED Tests, high school level, getting a score of 75 out of a possible 75 on Test No. 4, Interpretation of Literary Materials. He scored a 73 out of a possible 75 on Test No. 3, Interpretation of Reading Materials in the Natural Sciences.

3. Thirteen High School diplomas have been granted so far this month to patients and duty personnel, on the basis of the GED Tests administered by the Educational Reconditioning Section.

4. Just a few of the California Colleges still open for Fall Registration: Bakerfield Jr. College, Claremont College—near Menlo Park, Chaffey College—Ontario, Chapman College—L. A., Vallejo Jr. College, Cal. Tech.—Pasadena. The colleges right in San Francisco are: S. F. Jr. College, University of S. F., California School of Fine Arts, California College of Chiropractic. Application blanks may be obtained in E/R Office, Reconditioning. Do it now!! Several colleges have reported that they will not take any more applications until the winter term of 1947. Most Junior Colleges will, on occasion, accept students without high school diplomas.

Many Junior Colleges offer business and technical courses for men and women not interested in transferring to a university upon completion of a two-year Junior College course. They also issue an Associate in Arts Degree (2 yr. curriculum) or a Certificate of Completion.

Educational Reconditioning Office, Bldg. No. 1039, has catalogues available on California Junior Colleges, and out-of-state catalogues.

5. John Miller, of the Radio Room, plans to Spot-Light information on California Schools in the near future.

6. Interested in going to Cooks & Bakers School at the Presidio? Call 4403 for information.

Anything For A Laugh

The part of the car that causes the most accidents is the nut that holds the wheel.

Nervous Suitor: "Sir—er—that is—I would like to—er—that is, I mean—I have been going with your daughter for five years . . ."

Father: "Well, whaddya want, a pension?"

Husband: "I'm going to discharge my chauffeur. Four times recently he almost killed me."

Wife: "Oh, go on, give him another chance."

"Is the boss in?"

"No, he's gone out for lunch."

"Will he be in after lunch?"

"No, that's what he's gone out after."

"Yes, she's beautiful, and I like those Biblical gowns she wears."

"What are Biblical gowns?"

"The low and behold kind."

A subway was being dug. A drunk stopped beside the excavation and called down to the man at the bottom of the pit:

"Shay, whatcha doin' down there?"

"Building a subway."

"How long's it gonna take to build it?"

"Three years."

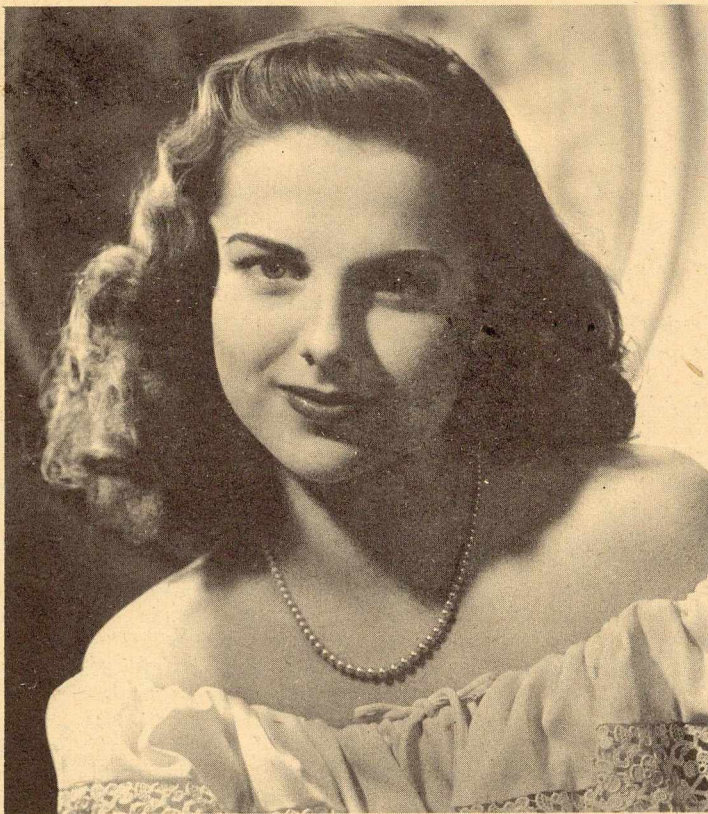
"To 'ell with it. I'll take a taxi."

Full Time Bank

On August 1st the Presidio Banking Facility, which has been operated by the American Trust Company since March, 1943, will become a branch office of the bank and will henceforth be operated as the Presidio Office of American Trust Company. Mr. Earl L. McCargar, who has been identified with the operation since its inception, will continue as Manager.

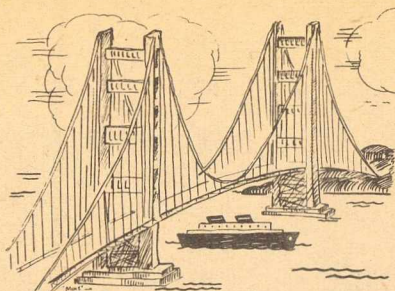
As a Facility operation, the banking services offered were necessarily limited in scope. However, starting August 1st, the complete banking services of American Trust Company, including loans for every purpose, will be available to Army personnel and civilian employees.

The banking hours will continue as previously—week days, 10 a. m. to 11 a. m., and 12 noon to 3 p. m. Saturdays, 10 a. m. to 12 noon.



TEXAS GROWS 'EM LOVELY

as witness Martha Hyer, a screen newcomer soon to be seen in RKO Radio's "Woman on the Beach." She hails from Dallas. Statistics: 120 pounds, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes, single.



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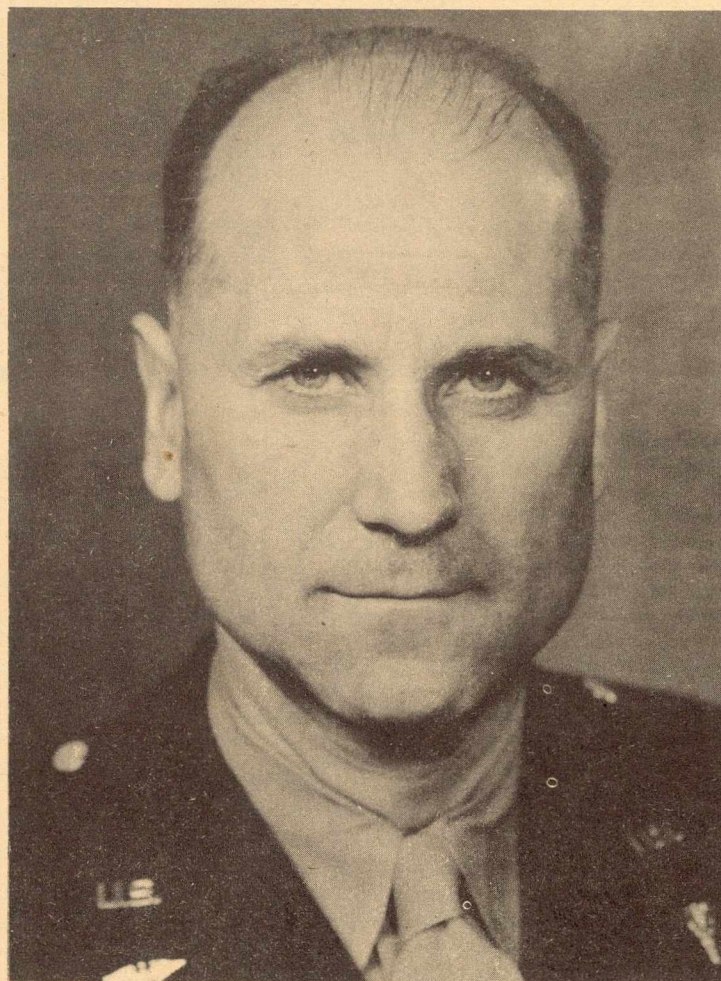
Specialists Named As Consultants for Army Hospitals

Appointment of 58 prominent civilian surgeons and 16 leading civilian physicians as consultants to the Secretary of War through The Surgeon General was announced by the War Department.

The surgeons and physicians, all of whom are specialists in their respective fields, are for the most part former Medical Corps officers who served with distinction during the war. Located strategically throughout the country, they were appointed as part of the Army Medical Department's program to maintain the highest possible standards of medical practice. Their aim will be to evaluate, promote and improve, wherever possible, the quality of medical care given the American soldier.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, under whose direction the armed services' medical consultant program was initiated during the war, termed the selections an important step in the advancement of military medicine. As the Army enlarges its program, more specialists will be named to consultant rosters in surgery, medicine and neuropsychiatry.

Throughout the war, civilian and military medical experts constantly checked conditions and recommended improvements in the Army's medical program. The same consultant program is also practiced overseas, with commanders vested with authority to assign medical experts from within the Army as con-



Colonel KERMIT H. GATES, MC
Who has assumed the duties of Executive Officer for
Letterman General Hospital

sultants or employ the services of known medical leaders from civilian populations abroad.

The surgeons, whose appointments were announced today, are associated with the Surgical Consultants Division, Office of the Sur-

geon General, of which Colonel Frank L. Cole, Medical Corps, is Director. The physicians are in the Medical Consultants Division, Office of the Surgeon General, of which Colonel Arden Freer, Medical Corps, is Director.

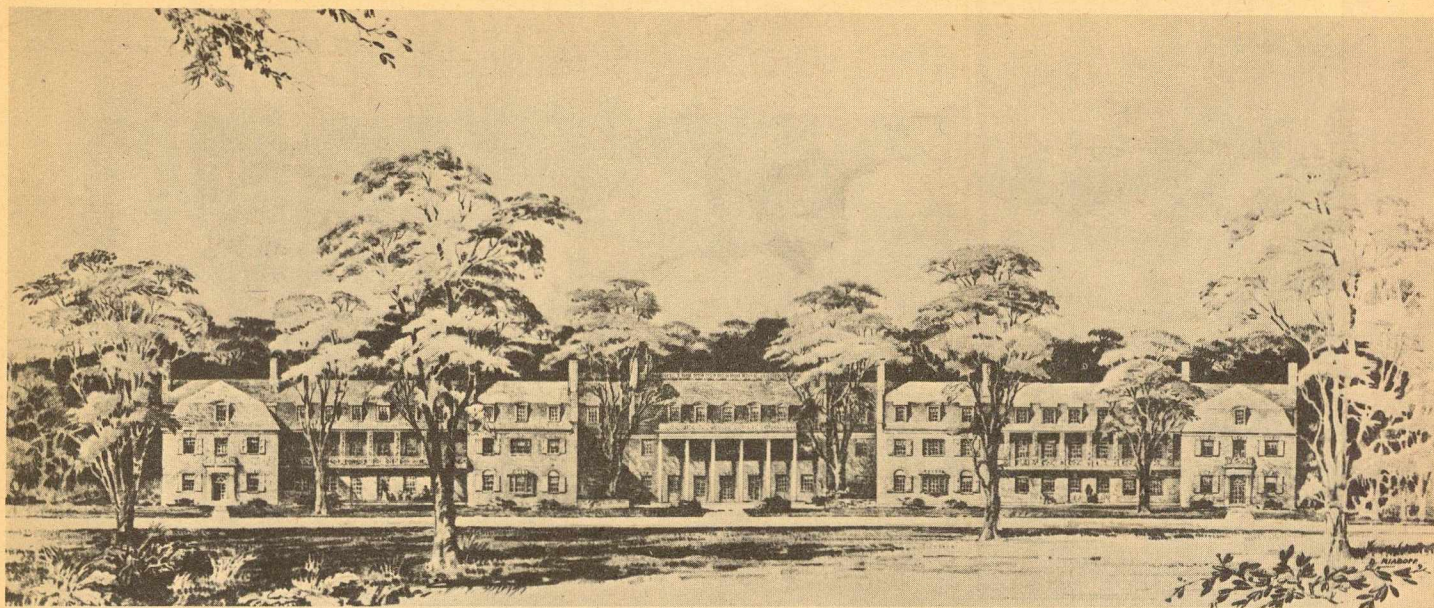
Train Unit Merged With Letterman in Single Command

Another step in the process of settling down to a peace time basis at Letterman took place recently when the Hospital Train Unit, hitherto a separate service command unit under command of General Hillman, was merged with and became a part of Letterman General Hospital with the designation by the Surgeon General of all the facilities under General Hillman's command at 9956 TSU.

Colonel Kermit H. Gates, MC, who commanded the train unit as the representative of the Commanding General since last September, was moved to hospital headquarters to take over the duties of Executive Officer, and Lt. Colonel Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., MC, was assigned to supervision over the train unit and the Crissy Annex where the debarkation section has been located for the past year, and for purposes of designation the combined activities of the hospital trains and the ward facilities at Crissy Annex are known as the Letterman General Hospital (Hospital Train) and Debarcation Hospital.

Lt. Colonel Whitfield has a staff of 10 medical officers, 23 branch immaterial officers, 30 nurses, 288 enlisted men and 40 civilians. Representatives of the Red Cross are also attached to the Train Unit for service to the patients while awaiting transfer to other hospitals. Other services of the hospital are available to Lt. Colonel Whitfield in the operation of the Debarcation Hospital.

Launch Campaign Here for Nurses National Memorial



PROPOSED NURSES NATIONAL MEMORIAL

This architect's drawing shows the proposed building and grounds of the Nurses National Memorial to be constructed in Washington, D. C. Providing a much needed home and social center for America's 100,000 war nurses and medical women, the Memorial will be a living, practical tribute to the nurses who so gallantly served in World War II. It will be noted that from the way the plans are drawn, individual and connecting buildings can be erected. Each building can be named for an individual or an organization. Contributions are now being received from grateful citizens in all parts of the country.

A campaign will be launched nationally September 16th with a statement by President Truman, to provide funds for the erection of a functional memorial club in Washington, D. C. dedicated to the Nurses and Medical Women of World War II. The project, mothered by Mrs. Norman T. Kirk, wife of Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General, U. S. Army, herself an Army nurse of World War I, is Co-Chairmaned by Mrs. Ross T. McIntire, wife of Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General, U. S. Navy.

After World War I a granite shaft was erected in Arlington Cemetery to the medical women of that war. American nurses and medical women who have served our country so well in World War II are now to be rewarded with a permanent memorial more serviceable than a monument.

The Memorial will be a gift to medical service women of World War II, with medical women of all wars eligible to share its benefits. Plans for the Memorial include a permanent resident home in Washington, D. C. with 300 home-like and comfortable rooms, a library, lounge and recreational facilities. In addition, the building will be used as a

social center or temporary residence for visiting medical women to the Nation's Capital.

A foundation fund will also be established to provide financial assistance and rehabilitation for medical women veterans. Many of these women have themselves been wounded. Many others have gone through such ordeals that their health has been shattered. They have served that thousands might live to come home again. They will need a place where they can rest and regain their strength. To them the Nurses National Memorial will be a real haven. It will also be a fitting expression of the gratitude that is in the hearts of all fighting men.

Referring to the Army Nurse as "Friend of the Ten Millions," Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the U. S. Army, gives glowing praise to the Medical Women who served in World War II.

The Nurses and Medical Women's National Memorial is endorsed by active heads of all the armed services, Veteran's organizations throughout the nation and by medical women.

The campaign to raise \$2,000,000 in the eleven Western States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho,

Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming is to be secured through efforts of volunteers. The goal in California is \$1,120,000, of which \$350,000 is the quota set for the San Francisco Bay Area.

One of the features of the campaign drive will be the inspection by the public of a Hospital Ship docked at a San Francisco pier. The date of the arrival of the ship will be released at a later date.

Western Division Headquarters of the Fund-Raising Committee are open in Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco 6. SUtter 2766.

Exodus

The month of July witnessed the largest number of "casualties" on the Letterman staff since the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. During the month 24 officers were separated and returned to civil life.

Heading the list was Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., who has been Chief of the Surgical Service since April 1945, and Colonel Ernest E. Myers who came to us in May as Chief of the Amputee Section, a title he had previously held at Bushnell General Hospital.

A real oldtimer among those leaving was Lt. Colonel Harold L. Stew-

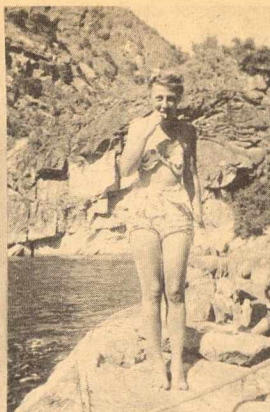
art, who had been Chief of Laboratory Service and on the Letterman staff since 1942, and also Lt. Col. Theodore J. Pfeffer, Chief of the Radiological Service since January of this year. Other field officers leaving were Major John H. Aldes of the Orthopedic Service who had been with us since March, and Major James T. Lang, Chief of Reconditioning Service, who joined station in November 1945.

The Captains taking off for civil life were Gerard Steinitz, Psychiatry Service since November '44, and Captain Willie B. Barry, WAC, who was Laundry Officer since October '44. Those who joined us in '45 and left this month were Captain Kenneth E. Stemmler, Captain Herman L. Rudolph, Captain Herbert N. Gundersheimer, Jr., and Captain Piero Albi; of the 1946 crop, Captain Rollin M. Perkins, Captain Edmond C. Alberton, Chaplain Herman M. Benner, Captain Sol Nichtern, Captain Hillard J. Katz, and Captain Bertram Selverstone. The following second Lieutenants were also separated: Wood H. England, Thomas D. Welch, Carlos E. Richardson, Stephen E. Walsh, John A. Maida, Esther A. Hartman, and Raymond P. Donahue.

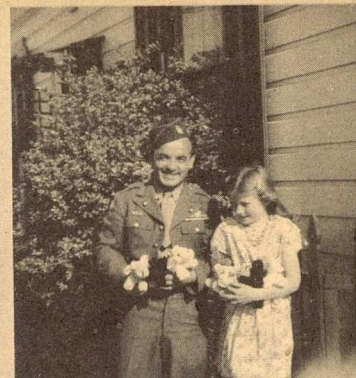
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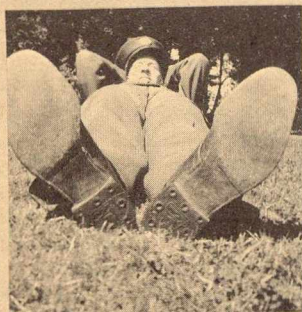
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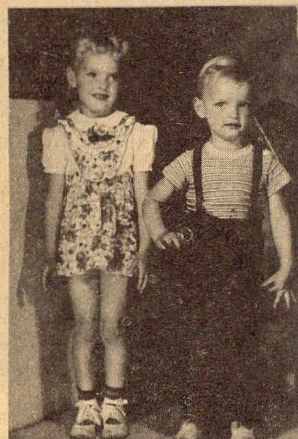
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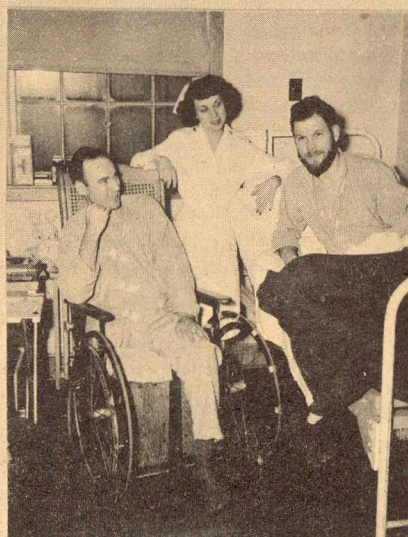
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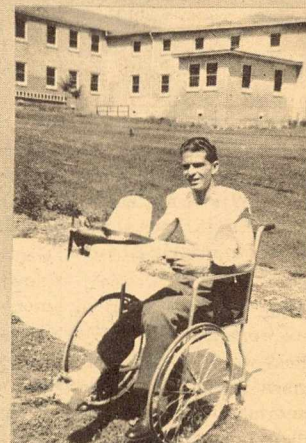
Clad for Combat



Brother And Sister Act



Face With Foliage



Wings on Wheels

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

NURSES MEMORIAL

The national campaign for funds for the Nurses National Memorial will get under way next month, and the quota for the Bay Area is \$350,000. We here at Letterman, who have every opportunity to observe the devotion to duty of the Army nurse, have a special incentive to contribute to this fund.

The Hospital Department was created for the Army by Congress 171 years ago, upon the recommendation of General George Washington. One of the sections of the newly-created department was set aside for the work of a hospital matron and nurses to assist in caring for the casualties of the Revolutionary forces.

This early nursing service was handicapped by the lack of supplies and facilities, but in those days, just as now, the spirit of service to the wounded was motivated by the same high ideals that inspire the members of the Army Nurse Corps today.

In the early days of this country, when battle lines were clearly established during war, the work of the nurse was less hazardous but none the less arduous. In World War II, under modern conditions of warfare, casualties among the ANC were anything but unusual.

As Americans, we owe no small debt to the courage and spirit of the nurses and medical women. A contribution to the memorial fund is an ex-



By Bette Byers

When a crisis occurred this week the nurses at Letterman lived up to their wonderful reputation for meeting an emergency with a willing spirit. Thus it was that the call for nurses to go to Adak to serve during the diphtheria epidemic there brought forth a surplus of volunteers, resulting in disappointment to those who didn't receive the assignment. The nurses who did leave for Adak via plane from Fairfield this week were: First Lieut. Marian E. Martini, Second Lieuts. Esther Wieland, Goldie M. Phillips, Hazelle I. Wiggins, Leila R. Plaster, June W. Paddock, Mary E. West, Margaret M. McNamara, Gladys I. Compton, and Helen R. Hynds. They are scheduled to return in two months, and without a doubt their stories will be fascinating chatter to us who kept the home fires burning.

Lieut. Mary Music is claimed by her patients on ward 31 to be the best yarn holder. She spins some good ones, too, they say!

Lieut. Hazel I. Snowden is already acquainted with some of the MPs, although she is a very recent arrival on the nurses' staff at LGH. The reason . . . her snazzy new blue Pontiac which you have been eyeing with green orbs as you pass the Nurses' Quarters has too much power! While on leave from Dibble General Hospital, Lieut. Snowden visited Maine where she "picked up" and drove back to California her prized '46 model along with her Boston accent. In 1942 she left the States with the 105th General Hospital, a Harvard unit from Boston, to go to Australia. She returned in June, 1944, and has been to several stations everywhere from the East coast to California since that time. She arrived for duty at Letterman on 18th July from Dibble General Hospital, where she had been stationed since last December. Wel-

cellent means of expressing the appreciation they so richly deserve, because the proposed memorial is to take the practical form of a permanent resident home where these women who have served so well may live, and it will also be used as a social center.

WAC

By Bette Byers

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Captain E. L. Stephenson, who has been hospitalized this week due to complications from a tooth extraction. Our morale will be boosted when she returns to the inner sanctum of the Orderly Room looking healthy and happy again!

The Hearst Ranch grounds was the setting for one of the best detachment outings to date. With the excellent facilities offered in sports, gals returned weary, sunburned, and happy with tales of beautiful paintings in the Hearst halls mixed in with the tales of activities. There were no limits to the sightseeing, therefore all who went took advantage of the chance to learn everything possible about the very famous ranch.

T/Sgt. Eleanor Eaton and S/Sgt. Frances Jenkins were found comparing sunburns. Frances gives the appearance of blushing continually while Eleanor declares stoutly, "That's not sunburn, it's a tan!"

It's impossible to say "good-bye and good luck" to all of them. So don't be surprised to see some of the following visiting the grounds in civilian clothes. They left this week: T/5 Blanche Bays, T/4 May Price, T/5s Josephine Kustesky, Anna Reynolds, Afton Thompson, T/4 Beatrice Roy, T/5 Eileen Richardson, S/Sgt. Kathleen Parker, Pvt. Shirley Johnson, Pfc. Bette Donachy, and T/5 Gerda Wagner.

Get-well wishes go to T/5 Pearl Rolnick, T/5 Margaret Stanley, and T/5 Helen Sholtis, who are taking bunk fatigue due to hospitalization. We'd bring you posies, but we aren't allowed to pick 'em! However, we are thinking of you and our intentions are the best!

T/5 Marge E. Whitacre is counting the months until her marriage in December to Cpl. Harry E. Nogle, now assigned to Tokyo. Harry was formerly a photographer here at Letterman.

Also making plans for aising it is T/5 Sonia Doan. The lucky man is Bill Templeton, formerly with the 104th Division . . . Timberwolves . . . who has one year of the ETO to forget. His home is in Walla Walla, Washington, which will eventually be the home of the couple. The wed-

ding will take place within two weeks and will be a quiet informal ceremony.

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, August 4, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Vets Get Tools For On the Job Trades Training

The Veterans' Administration has issued approximately 1,600 sets of tools since May 1 to ex-servicemen in Northern California taking on-the-job training in more than 50 different trades, Robert P. Shields, manager of the San Francisco Regional VA office reported this week.

The on-the-job training program is expanding rapidly, Shields reported, and VA plans to issue approximately 1,500 sets of tools each month.

In many cases the VA authorizes the purchase of tools in the areas in which the veteran lives. In other cases the tools are issued from stock.

Trades in which veterans are training include carpenters, machinists, auto mechanics, refrigeration mechanics, jewelry repairmen, watchmakers, sheet metal workers, bricklayers, plasterers and tool and die makers.

Anniversary

Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of Surgical Service, was pleasantly surprised this week by the staff of the operating room, who presented him with an enormous cake Wednesday in honor of his 20th anniversary in the Army Medical Corps.

The cake was specially baked for the occasion by M/Sgt. L. A. Donder of the Bakers and Cooks School on the post. He baked it at the request of his wife, who works in the operating room, and "Operation Heat-oncake" was classified "Confidential" until the cake was presented.

WAC OF THE WEEK



FLORENCE B. FYFE
Technician Fifth Grade

We've found her at last! The girl who doesn't mind the fog! She's T/5 Florence B. Fyfe who had weathered the Seattle rain for so long that fog to her is far more pleasing than the duck weather in the northwest.

Speaking of weather, whether to sign up for overseas or not is the chief thing in the mind of our little corporal. True to a family trait, Florence has the wanderlust. "It's nice to have a stopping place to store all your odds and ends, and a place to pack up and leave, too," says our gypsy. "That's my main ambition . . . to travel, travel, and then travel some more!" Not having any rent to pay, we wonder just who it is Florence is trying to dodge.

When she said she was 46, we were stupefied, and when she said she had a 22-year-old daughter, we were nonplussed! She hasn't any secret to her success for youth, but at some time she must have taken a sip from that famous fountain.

Florence had been a housewife for years, so spying the little poem "Occupation: Housewife" in the "New Yorker" she claims, "That's me!" It was after she was widowed and her daughter took wings to see the world for herself that Florence signed the Uncle Sam oath and donned a uniform. She missed her aim . . . to become a medical technician, and found herself in a clerk's school instead. The Army didn't cater much to her fondness for travel, for outside of her trip to Fort Oglethorpe, Florence took the train to DeWitt General Hospital and then again to Letterman . . . period. She's been assigned here since last December, just recently taking on new duties in the Personal Affairs Office.

At one time Florence was a statistical clerk for the Fairbanks-Morse Company in Seattle. She recalls the

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Back from a 45-day furlough and looking very rested is George Pickup of ward E-1. He reports having a wonderful time . . . and we add . . . even if it was spent in Utah!

Sam Holliday of ward 2 had a unique streak of luck recently. Unlike the forlorn people who have been looking for apartment space for months in busy San Francisco, Sam wandered a couple blocks on foot, and as he turned a corner saw a nice big "For Rent" sign in a window. Within a flash of three seconds, Sam was the proud owner of a very attractive suite of rooms . . . which may account for the charming smiles he and the Mrs. display around these grounds!

On ward 31 Arvicio Lare is all smiles in spite of a downright tragedy. Seems Arvicio was on a 45-day furlough, with only twenty days spent when he re-fractured his leg and returned to the hospital from his vacationing site . . . northern California. He's a bed patient all over again, and why he still smiles is more than one can guess!

Another coincidental meeting occurred on the trim lawn of Letterman recently when Stan Paine of ward 42 . . . and Ed Seifert met for the first time in four years. The boys had known each other pre-war civilian days (remember when?) and had been through early army days in 1939 to 1941 together when they both parted ways . . . overseas ways . . . It was a wild reunion, and they are again buddy-buddy. By the way, that new shiny gold key chain Ed

time when she had just returned to a job after housewifely duties came to an end, and was very eager to stay with the company, when her boss approached her and said, "You won't have to come to work tomorrow." Florence's eyes became slightly dewy, and she lost two or three breaths before he continued, "Take a five day vacation!" And the world set itself aright once more.

She claims her daughter gives her a "bad time" because she won't stay put and has inherited the family wanderlust, travelling from New York to Mexico and back to New York. Then she admits she has been quite a few places herself: Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Seattle, and even lived in San Francisco 22 years ago!

is wearing to brighten up his reds is a graduation gift. . . . He finally got that high school diploma . . . June '46. That's a day to go down in history!

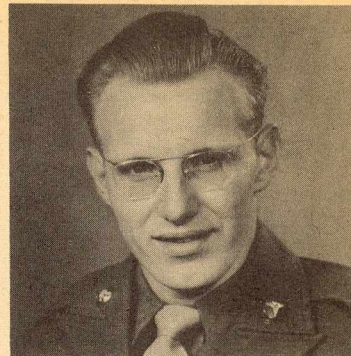
Charles Sonnett of ward 42 asks "How about a date?" Then while a gal shuffles her feet and blushes a furious red in anticipation, Chuck extends a box of that luscious fruit. Just out of surgery, he's looking forward to those days when he can get around again. We're so glad this column is read by some. Chuck came forth with "Who put that corny paragraph about me in the paper?"

That beautiful sunny day last week brought forth capital ideas from patients who hadn't given a thought to outings for some time. It led Orville Mac of ward 40 to ask . . . "Hey, when do we get paid?" And in the next breath, "Put in a furlough for me!" The boy won't share his vacation spot . . . but we have an idea it's south.

Along amp row, there is great excitement as many of the boys make plans in a big civilian way. Those who donned those wrinkled suits you buy these days are Jose Bravo and Tom Campbell, both of ward 40. Early anticipants for taxpayers are Roy Cesce of ward 40, Paul Tuttle of 41, and Raymond Kuegel of 42. Charles Wyatt of 40 is already planning to go into automobile appliances in that huge state of Texas just as soon as he passes through Letterman's gates. And the others, Earl Dudgeon, Vincent Contustono, and Alfred Swain of 40, and Robert Walker (not the movie idol) and Bill Johnston of 41 are names to be spoken but faces not to be seen around these grounds after this week. Good luck, fellows. It's a cruel world, they say!

A recent visitor to the PRO office, although not in khaki, was Robert G. Parker, who just returned from a 6,000 mile round trip to Iowa via motorcycle. Bob visited the fellows in the east hospital while here, telling of his outstanding experiences through snow storms, etc. He is the only legless motorcyclist in the country, according to the American Motorcycle Association. After averaging 520 miles a day, Bob was in excellent condition, even though he was breaking in a new pair of limbs.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JOHN E. MILLER
Private

Naturally enough, Pvt. John E. Miller's customary nickname is Johnny, but he says he will answer to almost any name, and admits he has been called some choice ones in his time.

Although he's only accumulated 18 years so far, Johnny has already done quite a bit of traveling. He was born in Paris, Maine, grew up in Larned, Kansas, and now claims Santa Monica, California as his home. He attended Santa Monica High School, which he refers to affectionately as "Sammo," where he insists he majored in Brunettes.

Before he entered the Army, he spent a year and a half as a radio officer in the merchant marine, and says he spent some of the happiest days in his life attending radio school in Boston. When he completes his Army career, he plans to attend "Cal Tech," and major in radio engineering and electronics.

He takes a big interest in model planes, and is one of the most enthusiastic members of the "Finger Busters" Model Airplane Club here on the post. In off-duty hours he is usually to be found over at the "Y" working on one of his planes. He says that when one of his planes actually flies it's a matter for amazement to the other members of the club, but spies tell us that's just modesty.

Since his arrival at Letterman from Fort MacArthur, Johnny has had three jobs. He started with training cadre. This was interrupted by his admission to the Detachment of Patients, and on his return to duty he was assigned to Professional Service, where he has been laboring ever since, with the exception of a three-week interval at the good old Army game of "KP."

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Lillian Jones

Mary Grelli of Out Patient Branch and her daughter are anticipating a reunion with her family after four years. They leave by train tonight for a six week's visit with her mother and sisters in Mocanaqua, Pennsylvania.

Friday was an extra special day for "Ace" Guth, EENT Branch as she was present for the graduation of her daughter, receiving her diploma from a San Francisco college.

The many friends of Mrs. Daisy Tobin, former librarian, have already missed her pleasing countenance. She left last Wednesday to retire to private life.

From Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, to Oakland Army Base to Letterman hails Mildred Beard. The attractive redhead maintains a desk in the Pay Roll Section.

Our vacationers this week were Jeanette Gardiner of the Sick and Wounded Office, who is having a wonderful rest in La Jolla, and Helen Diez of the Record Room, who is motoring to Shasta County.

Wielding a paint brush the past few days seems to be the latest hobby of Bob Bement, Hospital Police and Personnel. He's dressing up his new domicile with his favorite colors of paint.

Right in there pitching again is Leah Frisbie, librarian, as she returned Monday after conquering that old flu bug which kept her home for a few days.

There was much ado in the Service Record Section when Lucille Jennings returned from Chicago to announce her engagement to her co-workers. There will be church bells some time in the fall.

Swimming bicycling, hiking, and riding will be a few of the new activities Ruth Henry of the Dental Clinic will enjoy when she vacations at Russian River for two weeks.

Mrs. Ruth Weaver, librarian, bid her farewells this week before she and her husband, a former patient here, leave to make their home in San Diego.

He: "Will you marry me?"

She: "I will never marry."

He: "That's what they all say, but they're still building school houses."

GEORGIA POWER LIKES TO DO BOTH INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DECORATING



Miss GEORGIA E. POWER
Maybe the "E" is for energy?

Besides being decorative herself, in her crisp white uniform and cap that "accentuates the positive" of her big brown eyes and dark curly hair, Georgia E. Power, dental x-ray technician at Letterman, is interested in interior decorating. She enjoys collecting antiques—furniture, figurines and vases. Until recently she was able to try out her decorating ideas in her own studio apartment, but being a victim of eviction, her activities along that line are temporarily restricted.

"Colors have a terrific effect on me," she says, "and I like to experiment with them. When I had my apartment I did some upholstering, so I could have just the color combinations I wanted."

She's full of exterior decorating ideas, too, and designs amusing and amazing hats, and has even made herself a pair of shoes. Just decided she wanted to make them, and, without instruction, turned out a pair of brown-and-white sling pumps in linen and a bag to match.

Georgia is a native Californian,

and grew up in Stockton. Her parents live there, and "it's not too far for frequent trips home," she says. She was educated at the Dominican convent there.

She is a registered nurse, having received her training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Stockton. She came to San Francisco for her specialized training as an x-ray technician, and upon completion of the course was in charge of the dental x-ray laboratory at the University of California. For a time she ran a commercial x-ray laboratory in San Francisco, then came to Letterman in April, 1942.

"I enjoy my work here very much, not only because of the work itself, which I always find absorbing, but also because of the congenial people with whom I come in contact," says Georgia.

Her favorite off-duty pastime is dancing. Could it be that she wore out so many shoes that way that she decided to start constructing her own?

Anything For A Laugh

To mae a peach cordial—buy her a drink.

Customer: "I would like to get a copy of the book 'Man, the Master—Woman, His Devoted Slave.'"

Librarian: "You'll find the fiction and fantasy section in the next room, sir."

GI: "Look, buddy, I can tell you how to double the amount of beer you sell."

Suds-Hall Proprietor: "Ye a h, how?"

GI: "Fill the glasses."

A pink elephant might be described as a beast of bourbon.

Angel Wife: One who is always up in the air harping about something.

Visitor: (Pinching little boy's knee.) "And who has nice, cute pink legs these days?"

Little Boy: "Betty Grable."

Junkman: "Any old clothes, any old rags?"

Sergeant: "Of course not; this is an NCO barracks."

Junkman: "Well then, any old bottles?"

Then there was the guy who claimed you haven't had a real hang over until you can't stand the noise made by a bromo.

"What's the use of it all?" said the rooster, leaning his head sadly against the barn door. "Eggs yesterday, chickens today, feather dusters tomorrow."

The race track bookie was sick and sent his son for the doctor, and a strange doctor came. The son was asked to explain.

"Well, dad," he said, "I saw on your doctor's door, 'Consultations, 11 to 12,' and on this other guy's door, 'Consultations, 10 to 1.' So I took the best odds."

Sergeant (to sentry): "If anything moves, you shoot quick!"

Sentry: "Yassah, and if anything shoots, Ah moves quick!"

From 28 to 30 are the ten best years of a woman's life.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Bob Bisbee

The detachment picnic at the Old Hearst Ranch has come and gone, but is not forgotten. Nearly 300 members of the detachment and their dates came to the picnic, and found it quite a party. The swimming pool was enjoyed by about 100, several of whom had to improvise swim trunks out of bath towels and scarves, and they achieved some remarkable outfits. The hungry mob did away with two trays of cold cuts, one of cheese, 25 cases of coke and 30 watermelons. They reported that eating their way through these provisions was a pleasure.

Pfc. Jose Barbosa is back from 17 days at home, and says it was harder to leave this time than ever before.

Distance means nothing to the pleasure of a furlough, as proven by T/5 Willard Polzin, who spent his in Oakland, and Pvt. Curtis Bryant, with destination Berkeley.

A 15-day fishing furlough is now under way for S/Sgt. Martin Newcome. Here's hoping none of the fish get away this time.

Pvt. Floyd Simmons has returned to duty from high in the Rockies in Colorado.

M/Sgt. John Clark, T/4 Orville E. Fox, Jr., and Sgt. Alan Hall are all back from Washington and furlough. Wonder how it seems to be back in the sunshine?

Once again the detachment has welcomed M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz back from furlough, hoping he'll stick around for a while this time.

Seems that Pfc. Mathew Rekas chose the hottest time of the year for his furlough in Chicago. That's one way to be glad to come back to duty.

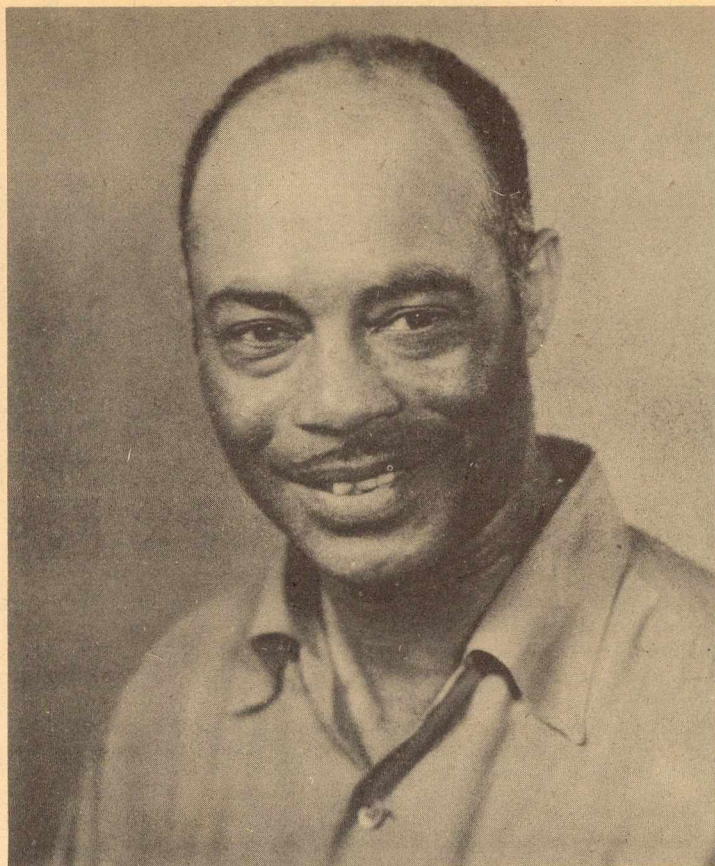
The Middle West was the furlough destination of Pvt. Edward Ferguson and T/5 Jack Emerson, who left this week.

T/5 George Hight is back from his furlough in Tennessee, reporting that he could still understand a Southern accent.

On a quiz in literature one of the questions asked was: "Name two ancient sports."

Came the answer: "Anthony and Cleopatra."

HE CAME FROM LOUISIANA TO CALIFORNIA, BUT WITH DETOURS



THEODORE WILKES
Doesn't mind back seat drivers.

Whether or not he takes advantage of the opportunity, Theodore Wilkes of the Motor Pool has first chance to see a copy of the Fog Horn each week. He picks up the copies every Saturday morning at the Enterprise Press in South San Francisco and brings them to Letterman, where they are distributed to our (we hope) eager public.

He has been driving for the Motor Pool since January, 1946, when he first came to Letterman. Of his various driving assignments, he enjoys most the ones that call for taking groups of patients on special trips.

"Even if I have a back seat driver in every seat in the bus, I don't mind. It makes me happy to see the patients so lively and in such good spirits," he says.

Wilkes is a native of Louisiana, but claims Fordyce, Arkansas, where he lived most of his life until he was 27, as his home town. He went to school there, at the Dallas County Training School, and was in-

ducted into the Army there, in 1942. He received his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was transferred to New Orleans for release from the service in 1943, being over 38 years of age.

He likes to travel, and has lived in six states so far—Louisiana, Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Oklahoma and California. California may have cured the wanderlust, because he now thinks of San Francisco as his home. He's had a variety of occupations, including work in a bakery in Fordyce; driving for the Woolworth Company in Springfield, Ill.; washing cars in Detroit, and operating a Ross carrier for the Fordyce Lumber Co.

In San Francisco he worked the Richmond shipyards for three years as a machinist rigger, then came to his present job at Letterman.

He likes football, midget auto races, and baseball, and is an enthusiastic spectator at the ball games at the Seals' Stadium.

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. The Counseling Service, Room 17, will help you plan your future vocation if you're undecided as to what you want to do when you are discharged from the hospital or the service. Within the next few weeks they plan to have a more extensive field of testing and counseling, and will be prepared to handle more patients and duty personnel. If you are getting out within the next four months be sure to make an appointment now.

2. Did you know that you can start as an apprentice while still a patient? Go to Room 17 for details.

3. If you have musical inclinations, vocal or instrumental, and want to learn, practice, or brush-up on any phase of it, see Miss Baken at Reconditioning, Bldg. No. 1039, or call 4403.

4. For students about to enter college, Educational Reconditioning will arrange for Mrs. Mirani to coach—to enable them to pass the College Entrance Exams.

5. Why not get your education for two dollars? Enroll now in USAFI and continue taking correspondence courses as long as you remain in the service.

6. Any patient may take a correspondence course from the University of California free of charge. The American Legion has made this possible. Go to Reconditioning to enroll.

7. You can start in the typing class any day at 1300, Bldg. No. 1049.

8. Educational Reconditioning Office is open every Tuesday evening until nine o'clock.

Letterman WACs Remain Undefeated In City League

Another shut-out game added to the victories for the LGH WACs Softball Team Monday night at Rolph Park. The girls defeated the Ad Shop Team by a score of 13 to 0.

With the City League Championship in view, the Letterman WACs are anticipating victories in the three remaining games.

Saturday afternoon at 1400 the WAC Team will play a home game on the Presidio Ball Park (across from the Post Theatre) against the Vallejo Boiler Makers Team, whom they defeated two weeks ago at Vallejo by a score of 9 to 8.



By Sgt Mervin J Hartman

For the 23rd time since he defeated Jim Braddock for the heavyweight championship of the world, Joe Louis will defend his coveted title against paunchy Tami Mauriello at Yankee Stadium on September 18th.

It will mark the Brown Bomber's second title defense this year. The champion knocked out Billy Conn in 2:10 of the eighth round on June 19th.

Once again the tub thumpers and ballyhoo experts will beat their gums and proclaim to all who will listen that the Bronx barkeep has a good chance to wrest the crown from the devastating Detroit. Most fans know, though, that Mauriello has a bum leg which doesn't readily adapt itself to adagio routines. Consequently, he will have to stand toe to toe and trade punches with the champ. And any of Louis' previous challengers will attest to the fallacy of such an action.

However, while Mauriello remains on his feet, he will put up a good scrap, for he possesses a haymaking right hand. And should he, by chance, land a solid punch on a vulnerable spot, the title may change hands—which is more than could be said for powder-puff Billy Conn.

The 23-year-old challenger earned his shot at the title, according to Mike Jacobs, through his imposing record of the past 18 months. During that period, Mauriello won 12 straight bouts—the last 11 by the kayo route. In his last start at the Garden, he flattened Bruce Woodcock, British champion, in the fifth round.

Mauriello's chief claim to fame is that in 77 professional bouts, he has never been dropped for the full count. But as the old saying goes—there's always a first time for everything! When told of the challenger's standout record, Louis' only comment was: "I think I'll be able to take care of myself."—'nough said!

Mike Jacobs' announcement of the impending match came as a surprise, for Louis told reporters who interviewed him after the Conn fiasco that he would not box again this year. However, Uncle Mike probably wheedled Joe into the match, pointing out that he wouldn't have to go through the rigors of training again and with a big percentage cut could get back "financially" on his feet.



OFF TO ALASKA

Are the ten Letterman nurses who volunteered this week for temporary duty in Adak during the present diphtheria epidemic there. They are: 1st Lt. Marian E. Martini, Portland, Ore.; 2nd Lts. Esther Wieland, Los Angeles, Calif.; Goldie M. Phillips, Bakersfield, Calif.; Hazelle I. Wiggins, Pablo, Mont.; Leila R. Plaster, Ferndale, Wash.; June W. Padlock, Oakridge, Ore.; Mary E. West, Turlock, Calif.; Margaret M. McNamara, Oildale, Calif.; Gladys I. Compton, Los Angeles, Calif.; Helen R. Hynds, Oakland, Calif.

Three More Army Hospitals to Close By September 30th

Three more Army general hospitals will close September 30, the War Department announced recently.

Declared surplus to the needs of Army Medical Department on that date by Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, were Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts, Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois, and O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri. With their closing, 19 of the 65 general hospitals operating during the war will remain.

Because of diminishing patient loads, 11 general hospitals ceased operating on June 30. During the past three months 13 general hospitals were declared surplus and all but one of 13 convalescent hospitals established during World War II were discontinued. Old Farms Convalescent Hospital in Avon, Connecticut, which is maintained for blind patients only, is still in operation.

Replacing convalescent hospitals as separate entities, general hospitals in the United States will operate convalescent annexes as an integral part of their mission. Convalescent hospitals at Brooke Gen-

Barbed Wire Club

A meeting of the San Francisco chapter of the International Barbed Wire Club will be held next Tuesday, 6 August, at the Central YMCA, Golden Gate Avenue and Leavenworth Street, at 8 p. m.

The club is an organization of liberated prisoners of war, and persons who were either military or civilian internees are eligible for membership, according to Pfc. Charles H. Mendieta of the club's executive committee. Pfc. Mendieta is a patient on Ward 14, and may be contacted for further details about the organization.

eral Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, and Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, are continuing as convalescent annexes to general hospitals located there.

Patients at Cushing General Hospital will be transferred to other general hospitals in the East depending upon the type of specialized treatment the patient requires. Other great Army hospitals specialize in neurosurgery and plastic surgery, the principle types of treatment required by patients in the three hospitals which will close. Patients will be transferred smoothly without jeopardizing their welfare.

At the request of Veterans Ad-

Veterans Speed Education With Summer Courses

Approximately one-half of the 65,000 veterans enrolled in California, Arizona and Nevada colleges and universities this spring are taking summer school courses to speed their educations, the Veterans' Administration reported this week.

Veteran students who do NOT attend summer school do NOT receive subsistence payments under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. They are being removed from the payrolls and will NOT be reinstated until they enroll next fall.

The Veterans' Administration is working out procedures to expedite the return to the subsistence payrolls of vacationing veterans when they register again next fall.

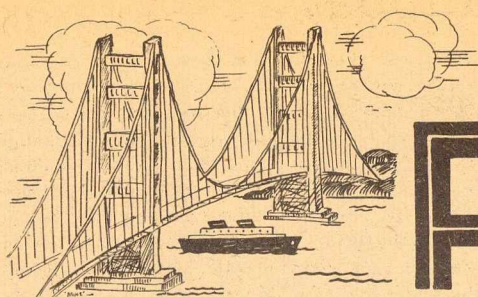
Thousands of additional veterans are expected to seek admission to schools in the three-state area next fall, since a total of 216,044 certificates of eligibility for education and training have already been issued.

"My cousin Chester is a plastic surgeon in a saloon."

"What do you mean?"

"He lifts mugs."

ministration, Cushing General Hospital will be "frozen" for future action by Veterans Administration.



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Enlisted Men May Apply for Military Academy Vacancies

Qualified enlisted men may make application to compete for admission to fill Military Academy vacancies allotted to AUS enlisted men for entrance 1 July 1947. Quotas will be allocated by the War Department.

Those selected will be issued letters of appointment authorizing them to undergo special preparatory training in the United States, and to report for the regular entrance examination on 4 March 1947, which they must undergo competitively.

Available vacancies will be awarded to those physically qualified competitors making the highest proficient average in the order of merit established at the examination, without regard to the command from which selected.

The candidate for admission must be a citizen of the U. S., and must have reached his 19th but not his 22d birthday (24th birthday in the case of a candidate who has served honorably not less than one year in the armed forces during the war). He must be unmarried and must have attained an Army General Classification Test score of 135 or higher.

The candidate must have graduated from high school or have achieved an equivalent education. He must be of excellent character and have the capacity for leadership. He must have completed one full year of active enlisted service as of 1 July 1947, and be in an active enlisted status on that date.



It gives me great pleasure to take cognizance of this, the fifth anniversary of The Foghorn. Weekly this small publication has brought alike to patients, duty personnel, and former members of the staff, news of the Army, the Medical Department, and local activities at Letterman. Besides contributing materially to their interest and morale, it has served to maintain that deep feeling of loyalty toward the hospital

that has become traditional among those who have ever served or been treated here.

To the editorial staff of The Foghorn I wish to extend my congratulations and express my sincere appreciation of the outstandingly successful accomplishment of its very important mission.

C. C. HILLMAN,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Commanding.

Former ANC and MAC Officers to Be Recalled to Duty

One thousand Army Nurse Corps officers and 100 Medical Administrative Corps officers will be recalled to active duty on a voluntary basis, it was announced last week by the War Department.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General, said when the announcement was made, that the recall of nurses and other officers would be necessary in order "to insure the best possible care" for the 90,000 patients still remaining in Army hospitals.

Quotas set up under the new recall policy will increase to more than 8,600 the number of officer vacancies available throughout the Army which the War Department is desirous of filling with volunteers from the ranks of former Army officers.

The Medical Department alone has openings for an additional 200 officers.

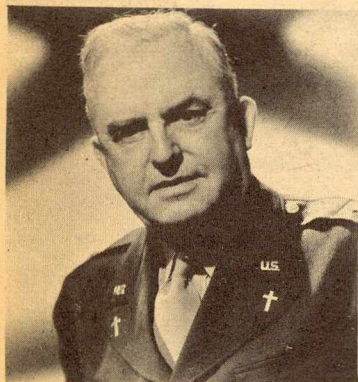
Nurses who come back into the service now will have the option of serving either for a two-year period or "until relieved at the convenience of the Government."

Administrative officers have the option of signing up for twelve, eighteen or twenty-four months, or for unlimited periods.

Application blanks for former members of the Army Nurse Corps and for former Medical Administrative Corps officers may be obtained from the office of the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

Flash!! Five Years for Foghorn Finished Today

Believe it or not, the Fog Horn with this issue completes five years of service to the patients and personnel of Letterman General Hospital. Gazing back along that stretch of time we wonder how we managed to keep going and set up the record of never missing an issue during the 260 weeks of our editorial life. The year just closed was per-



Editor

haps the time when we most needed artificial respiration and it came to us in the form of an almost completely new staff.

The editor remains the same. Staff may come and staff may go but like Tennyson's brook, he runs on forever; although we cannot at the moment find anyone who has ever seen him run. Some day we promise to come up with a set of figures to show how many people he has outworn and worn out in the compilation of this paper every week. However, the less said about him the better, because he's still the presiding genius in the editorial section.

In March of this year we acquired the services of Mrs. Mary Virginia McFadden, who transferred from the Oakland Quartermaster Depot where she had nearly four years as the editor of "Depot Doings." She brought to the Fog Horn extensive experience in civil life where she had been editor and publisher at different times of two small town newspapers. Mrs. McFadden took over the task of making up the paper each Friday morning and is, in theory, responsible for all the typographical errors, as well as sins of omission and commission perpetrated by the printers.

In addition to a new assistant editor we acquired a new reporter, which in newspaper parlance when the reporter is male we would call a

"leg" man, but our reporter is a female and it would be indelicate to describe her in such terms, although as far as we can see, she has nothing to apologize for. Anyhow, the new reporter is Bette J. Byers, of Burlingame, who is a T/4 in the WAC.

Bette has all of 18 months service and is within a few weeks of separation, much to her joy. She enlisted in the WAC to be a surgical technician and when the army discovered what she could do with "pot-hooks" in a note book she was listed as "clerical" and she has spent her time doing secretarial work. Tours at Percy Jones and Hammond General Hospitals prepared her for the ordeal here at Letterman.



Assistant Editor

She has expanded her activities on the paper until it gives the appearance of being a one woman sheet. On every page the by-line of Bette bobs up to enthrall the reader and only last week one of the patients asked if anyone else worked on the paper. Bette had prior civilian experience in newspaper writing so it was not necessary—or even possible—to teach her anything about the job. We refrain from publishing her phone number because the sole result when dialing that number is a "busy" signal.

Over at the copy desk we have Mrs. Rebecca Garcia who has been around Letterman for a long time, but is such a demure person that unless you come within her orbit, you would never meet her. We hate to use the word "unusual" because in California it is greatly overworked. However, Becky is a very unusual copy queen. She arrives at her desk very punctually at the stroke of eight each morning and has never been known to endanger the person or property of any in-

dividuals who might be on the Administration Building stairways after 4:25 in the afternoon. Becky waits until 4:30, politely says, "Good night, sir," and leaves for home in a leisurely manner.

Becky's job is to type up the copy before it goes to the printer, and at that she does a very good job. She has maintained the high standard of her predecessors so that the type setter still remarks the Fog Horn copy is the "cleanest and best arranged" of all that comes to his machine.

Again looking over the past five years, it might be appropriate to recall the members of the staff who helped start the paper as well as those who kept it alive before severing relations with the Army.

The man who worked very hard in the early stages of the project when it was just a gleam in someone's eye was S/Sgt. Rosco J. Willey. He did considerable work in preparation of "dummies" and helped devise the form which the paper re-



Reporter

tains to this day. In the course of time Sergeant Willey disappeared into the wastes surrounding the Watsch Range and has never written as much as a postcard back to us.

Another collaborator in those days was then Private, later M/Sgt. William F. Fuller who when last heard of was either in Greensburg, Pa., or Kalispell, Mont. The Christmas card bore the latter postmark but the return address said "Greensburg." And that's all we know about Bill. Still another on the male side of the staff was Private, later 1st Lieutenant James L. Gleeson who was a reporter and feature writer and spent a lot of time arguing with the editor, until we finally impressed upon him that in the Army soldiers did not

talk back. We often wondered how Jim handled the situation when the status was reversed and he was on the ordering end of the dialogue. We understand he now makes his home in San Francisco and earns a fair living selling insurance. Still among the males, we mention in passing, Private, later 1st Lieutenant, George Morey of the Chemical Warfare Service, who spent a great deal of his time at sea as super cargo on slow ships carrying the product of Edgewood Arsenal to all parts of the world where our fighting forces were located. George had curly hair and better than average looks, but he escaped from Letterman still single, although we were informed that he ultimately fell to the charms of a young lady he met at one of his ports of call. Last, but my no means least, S/Sgt. Patrick J. Sullivan. Patrick's title was "Man of All Work," and he lived up to it. He wrote the Detachment column, he supervised the circulation of the paper, and he put the bee on the gang in the photo lab to get the pictures out on time. If they ever get around to giving anyone the Legion of Merit for work on our paper, Pat is our recommendation for the number one candidate.

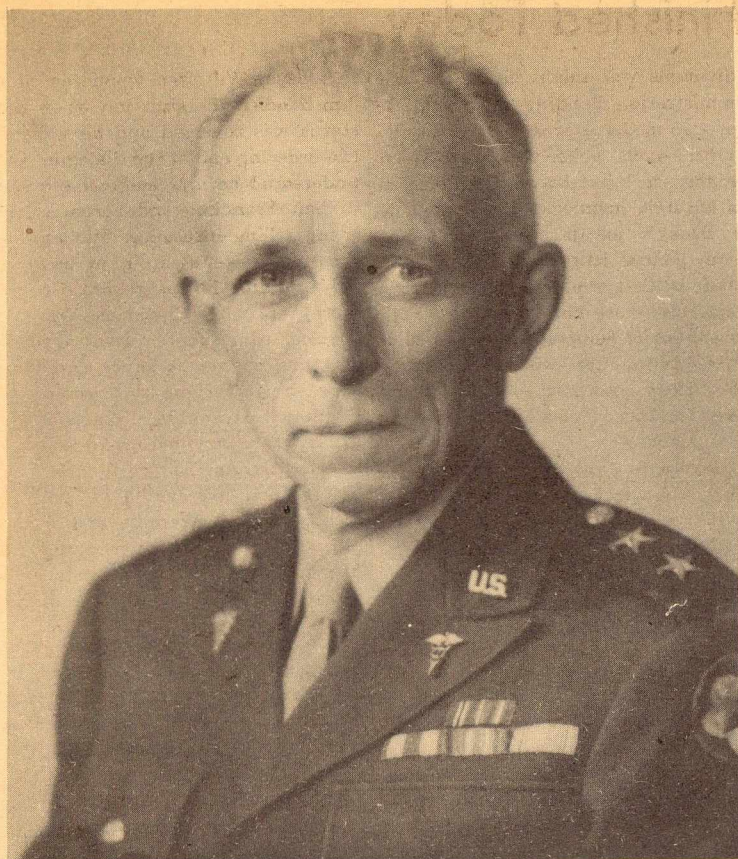
There has been a succession of assistant editors among the fairer sex



Copy Queen

and the pioneer was Lieutenant Elizabeth E. Reese who came to us in 1944 and stayed for more than a year when she left for Baxter General Hospital. Betty was a very clever young lady with pencil and brush and during her tenure of office, the Fog Horn was bright with her timely sketches, cartoons, and original drawings. She is now Mrs. Stanley J. Pennell, wife of the author of "The

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To the Editor of the "Foghorn"
 Congratulations and best wishes to the Foghorn
 on its Fifth Anniversary! At this time of
 the 171 Birthday of the Army Medical Department,
 it is gratifying to know that its splendid
 traditions over the years are being further
 perpetuated by the personnel of Letterman Gen-
 eral Hospital and the Editorial Board of the Foghorn.
 Respectfully,
 J. W. Polio, Brig. Gen. USA
 Surgeon Gen. USA

To the Editor of the Foghorn
 Letterman General Hospital
 my congratulations on your fifth anniversary. You have
 every reason to be proud of your excellent publication.
 Happy birthday.

R. W. Polio, Brig. Gen. USA
 Deputy Surgeon General

MORE ABOUT FIVE YEARS FOR FOG HORN

(Continued from Page 2)

History of Rome Hanks" and in residence in Junction City, Kansas. In June 1945 Lieut. Gladys L. Haller blew in like a whirlwind from Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. A vivacious young lady who put her soul and good will into everything she did. Her nickname was "Happy" and it described her perfectly except for the occasions when she was unhappy.

A scintillating addition to the staff arrived when Kay Hardy of Hollywood came on the scene to pep up the paper. She had done newspaper work in Los Angeles, had been a contributor and columnist on one of the fan magazines and knew everybody who was worth knowing in the land of make believe. Kay stayed with us about eight months and then went into seclusion at Carmel where she has a very cozy cottage and is doing a little free lance writing, and at home to all Lettermanites.

There was also a long line of copy

queens, headed by Miss Lois E. Williams, who joined us in July '42 and stayed until July '43 when she became Mrs. Rosco Willey and decided to quit work. Her successor was Miss Anne M. Leahy who stayed five months and then leaped into matrimony with Corporal Joseph Trodden, stationed at March Field. Then along came Miss Alice S. Verbrugge, who was with us about eight months and likewise disappeared into the void properly known as matrimony. Her successor was T/4 Helen D. Wilson, who held down the desk a matter of five months and then was separated from the service in order to resume married life with her Navy husband. For a brief period Mrs. Dorothy G. Mix held down the copy desk. Then her husband was released from the hospital and she returned to what she called a normal

life for a young married couple. On the back page of this edition along with the photographs we had available you will find there T/Sgt. Lewin S. Villa who was on and off the staff for a period of several years. It was a sort of a refuge for Lew, and every time he lost a job, he bounced back to us until another could be found for him. He was a distinctive asset with a delightful personality and knew the answers to most questions. He was a great outdoors man and when he wasn't hunting or fishing, he was talking about it. We believe he is in the furniture business in the East Bay.

They were all a grand gang. We think Letterman was fortunate to have their services, and we hope that down through the years they will continue to think kindly of us as we do of them.

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EDITORIAL

FIVE YEARS

With this issue the FOG-HORN completes five years of editorial life—all devoted to the service of the patients and duty personnel of Letterman General Hospital.

At no time have there been any full time workers on the staff; everything in connection with the publishing of the paper has been "in addition to other duties" and the paper never missed an issue.

We have had the support of the commanding generals and the encouragement of our readers to spur us on to greater achievement in amateur journalism.

On a few occasions some brash young officer would emerge from one of the army schools and report out here for duty with the paramount idea of "taking over the paper" and make it really worth while. For some reason those ambitious young men never quite realized their dreams, and the paper continued to come out long after they had left.

We like to feel that much of the contemporary history of Letterman has found its way into print on our pages and may be preserved for those who will come after us in the administration of this great institution. Making the "deadline" each week has given us a sense of responsibility to the command in the dissemination of matters of interest and we



Colonel Luther R. Moore behind the Big Desk during the absence of General Hillman on leave in the southland.

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Colonel Brown S. McClintic making good use of a tome on home mechanics.

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Lt. Col. James N. Souder out here from Washington to help plan the new Presidio of the Future.

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A Gray Lady who passed without smiling. Rare happenstance around here.

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Lieut. Alice Dahnke with plenty of time on her hands—she wears two wrist watches.

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John Ronald Amundson up here from L. A. to visit "Grandma" at the P.X.

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Major Frances Henchey playing the role of Boss Lady for the Nurses while Col. Schneider is vacationing in the east.

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Joe Rosenthal, "Chronicle" cameraman, who took the famous picture of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, out here to photograph donations of fruit from the Farmers' Market.

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Formal notice that our Red Cross Field Director has officially become Mrs. Louis E. Hendricks. It has been legal for 18 months—tho to us she will still be the same gracious Gloria Rich.

No presents for our birthday.

hope we have fulfilled our assignment to the satisfaction of our readers.

To our associates on the staff we are grateful for their generous co-operation during the long life of the paper, and with their continued support we are prepared to prolong that life.

Here's to the next five years.



By Bette Byers

The Letterman Girls' Softball Team lost one of its most valuable players Saturday when Lieutenant Ann Newton went sliding into second base. Consequently she is sliding around ward K-1 on a walking cast. For the remainder of the softball season, Lieut. Newton, who played the position of short stop, will say . . . "I'll sit this one out!"

Major Josephine Balestra is a new oldtimer who just returned for duty at Letterman last month. She served here in 1935 for over a year, and since that time spent several months in Africa. She came to us from Camp Roberts and is now on duty in the EENT Clinic. Nice to see you again!

Lieut. Mary Leahy speaks of weather upon returning from her 15-day leave. She spent that warm session in Los Angeles where the thermometer soared and the water beckoned. While down south she visited friends in Long Beach, Riverside, and Hollywood.

May we introduce another newcomer to you? She's Captain Alma C. Frey, Charge Nurse of G-I. Captain Frey was Chief Nurse of the 316th Station Hospital in England and Scotland for two years beginning September '43. Her last station was Gardiner General Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, and she reached Letterman just in time to celebrate the 4th of July. It's her first trip west, so she's open to all suggestions for sight-seeing. Being quite an athlete (she's from Nebraska), you'll find her on the golf course, riding, skating, or even skiing (if she can find a snowy slope in California!)

News is received from Captain Manda Zuber of her wedding last Wednesday to Dr. Alfred Beattie in Zion's Lutheran Church in San Francisco. Miss Zuber was on duty in the Assistant Chief Nurse's Office from July 1941 to November 1942 at which time she left for Camp Stoneman and ultimately the ETO. She returned the 30th of December '45, and served again at Letterman this March until her separation from the Army Nurse Corps. As the groom is Assistant Superin-

The Chaplain's Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday August 11, 1946

In the Post Chapel.

Catholic Services:

Mass daily at 0800.

Masses Sunday 0600 and 0800.

Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:

L.D.S. (Mormon) Services:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Services:

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Chaplain Robbins Leaves for New Post at Stoneman

Chaplain Jerome Robbins, who has been the Jewish Chaplain at Letterman since he jointed station here in April of this year, was transferred to Camp Stoneman and left for his new post this week.

Rabbi Emanuel Kumins, of the Jewish Welfare Board, will resume the work of caring for the spiritual needs of the Jewish men and women which he ceased when Chaplain Robbins was assigned here.

Softball Scores

Although minus two of their first-string players, the LGH WAC Softball Team came out victorious Saturday afternoon playing against the Vallejo Boiler Makers, the score being 8 to 3. The game was played on the Post Ball Park.

Monday night, handicapped by the loss of Lt. Ann E. Newton and T/4 Betty Ryan, the WAC Team lost to the Mission Kiwanis Queens by a score of 5 to 1.

Lt. Newton may be seen hobbling around the halls with her right leg in a cast—a result of Saturday's game.

There are now three teams tied for first place—Letterman WACs, Mission Kiwanis, and the Takars. Let's get some rooters out next Monday night at Rolfe Park and help cheer the girls on to win the City Championship.

tendent of Schools in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the couple will make their home there.

WAC OF THE WEEK



FRANCES JENKINS
Technician Fourth Grade

Although named after a temperance leader, Frances Elizabeth Willard Jenkins is a normal person with uncommon sparkling brown eyes and an acute sense of dry humor. She was born in Racine, "the home of Johnson's Wax" Wisconsin, which may have had some bearing on which branch of the service she joined.

Wherever the WAC softball team goes, there also goes Frances. She's assistant manager, but prefers basketball. Being quite an athlete, Frances has played basketball with such teams as the Hamilton Beach and S. E. Johnson's, of Racine, the latter being winner of the city tournament during her participation.

Some people raise Cain, but Frances raises among other things, dogs. She had a full kennel of Cocker Spaniels, Springers, Irish Setters, and English Setters. As a side hobby she also delights in raising tropical birds (finches, Japanese robins), and tropical fish.

Being a good sport set Frances up for the work she performed prior to induction . . . Girl Scout Counselor and specialist of arts and crafts, and troop leader. The remainder of her time was spent in leisure, swimming and fishing in the summer and skiing and skating in the winter, with bird hunting as a side line.

Another discovery about Frances is that she played the violin. She compares her talent to Jack Benny's. Getting the bird gave her the idea of raising them as a new hobby.

The service must agree with Frances, for she's gained 30 pounds since reporting at Letterman June '45. However, she's not re-enlisting, but has definite ideas about becoming a professional Scout leader. With an eye toward brains, you'll find Frances in the Educational Reconditioning Office.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Bette Byers

Ward E-2 is suffering from boredom since Shorty Artimez and Frank Huffer have been transferred. Shorty is now on ward 30, and Frank, who has the title of the loudest snoring man on the west coast is on ward 8.

You who are interested in returning to college, cast your eyeball over the next few lines. Between 3:30 and 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon KLGH brings you a program called "College of Catalog on the Air." It's information about the smaller colleges which will interest you if you are unable to be admitted to your favorite college until a later date.

It's a good thing William Peterson of ward N-1 doesn't take a smaller size blouse. The sleeve is barely long enough to display the seven hash marks, seven overseas stripes, his master sergeant stripes, and his Transportation Corps patch!

Bill Meyer of ward 2 was seen doing some flag waving last week. Bill is the pinup boy of Letterman, posing for some super shots for the Examiner in celebration of the Air Corps' birthday. Already he has had some telephone calls from his public! As the picture was being taken with seven other men, Bill asked modestly, "Do you want one of me alone?"

If you see red good conduct bars pinned on hospital blankets, think nothing of it! The boys who were awarded for their nice manners were: Harry Brooker of ward K-3; Bill McKee of 26; George Hughes, ward 3; Gus Moreno, ward 26; Bill Spencer, ward 27; Erwin Wheeler, ward 28; Sherman Bradshaw, ward 3; Dester Brodie, ward E-2; Don Davis, ward 28; Robert Lieb, ward M-1; Francis Rape, ward 40; Irvin Washam, ward 28. Congratulations are in order!

Paul Culley, the Peace man of ward C-2 is out on a furlough making way for the primary elections. Giving up his bedside campaigning, Paul decided to appear in public. No one on C-2 can say the word "lose" in Paul's presence until the final word comes through that Paul has the Justice of the Peace of the Las Vegas Township shingle after his name!

On C-1 Avon Atwood can be identified by the bright (and we do mean bright!) orange scarf he's knitting.

Not caring for needles, he uses the knitting board . . . a simplified means for the same results. Avon admits that by putting the scarfs together, he'll have an afghan . . . which he now intends his masterpiece to be. Playing safe, if he doesn't finish the job, he'll have a quantity of usable scarfs.

It was a new world this week on C-1 as Ray Hubar treated everyone to ice cream cones. He just couldn't escape after being the victim of a coca cola gift, and had to dish out in retaliation. Results, eight double decker ice cream cones and his only dollar bill vanished!

Tim Fahey of E-2 (who has never read the Fog Horn!) and Eugene Madden are escaping ward life by indulging in puzzles . . . if not crossword, then pictures. Says Tim, "There's no question of brilliance in this competition! It's to find out who's the dumber!"

D-2 is eager to start a snoring contest, claiming that they have the three best and loudest snorers in all the United States right together in their little "home." The loud sleepers are Richard Howard, undefeated champ, Elmer Finch, and George Hartwell. Just because they're officers, don't let that stop you from joining the competition! How about it, Frank Huffer?

George Russell on D-2 is biding his time with hook rugs, and after the above, could it be he puts in a lot of night work on it?

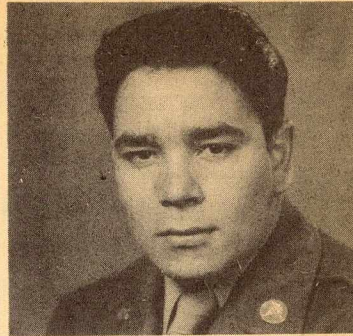
First Settlement

The first settlement on San Francisco Bay was a tiny Spanish pueblo named Yerba Buena, meaning "good herb." In 1847 the settlement's name was officially changed to San Francisco, in honor of the great St. Francis of Assisi. Then, in 1848, gold was discovered on the American River, precipitating the greatest gold rush in history.

The Forty-Niners poured into San Francisco from every state and country. From New York and China, from Connecticut and Mexico, from Ohio and Australia, from Indiana and England, from Europe, Asia, Africa, India, South America, Canada. San Francisco Bay was choked with sailing vessels. The village became a metropolis overnight.

The temperaments, tastes and

BUCK OF THE WEEK



CARLOS SENA
Private

When you can say at the age of 19 that you've got your future all planned, that's unusual. Lucky, too. But that's how it is with Pvt. Carlos Sena, assigned to the Chaplain's office, who is all set to go back to school as soon as he gets out of the Army next April.

Carlos has been in the Army ten months, and since he came in before he completed his high school course, he's getting that unfinished business out of the way now. This week he took his test to earn the extra credits he needs for that necessary diploma.

His plans call for a year at the St. Louis College of Mortuary Science, after which he will join his father in the undertaking business in his home town of Bernalillo, New Mexico. New Mexico is the state that has "The Land of Enchantment" on its auto license plates, and Carlos says it's all of that, and more, too.

After his induction at Fort Bliss, Texas, Carlos went to Camp Crowder, Mo., for his basic and medical basic training, and arrived at Letterman in March of this year. He was first assigned to the operating room, next to the Receiving Office, and then to the Chaplain's office. He says his present assignment is the one he likes best.

Swimming, basketball and movies are his chief leisure time activities, and with him they're all tops.

Carlos even has his heart interest all set for the future—there's a girl in Bernalillo who's promised to wait till he finishes school, and then the wedding bells will ring out.

customs of all these varied peoples were blended on these hills above the Golden Gate into a truly cosmopolitan city—a city of the world.

WAC

By Bette Byers

Last on the list of the four casualties of the softball team is the name of T/4 Betty Ryan. Betty, however, received her injury in a unique way . . . her back went out on her as she was brushing her teeth!

Let's get statistical! Of the 220 WACs at Letterman, 51 re-enlisted, including 29 who signed for overseas duty. The Surgeon General's office has received a quota of 84 girls to be sent to the ETO. This number covers every office under the jurisdiction of the Surgeon General.

"Where did you get that hat!" is among the remarks made as the barracks become a fashion parade setting. Some of the models already have that bewildered civilian look!

The St. Joseph's Church chimes will ring out the news of T/4 Mary McGowan's wedding on Sunday, August 25th, in Berkeley. As she glides down the aisle in her lovely white gown, Mr. Cliff Christie will be waiting at the altar to claim her as his bride. Besides the maid of honor, Mary will have two little flower girls in the procession. The reception will be held at the Hotel Claremont, after which the couple will steal away to spend their honeymoon in Carmel-by-the-Sea. They will settle down in Berkeley. Cliff, a C. P. A. for the Southern Pacific in San Francisco, put the first ring on Mary's finger last January 13th.

There is no further need to be preoccupied by store windows as an officer passes you while down town shopping, or glance out of the corner of your eye for signs of an officer to salute (whichever may be your policy). War Department Circular 208 now makes almost all hand saluting off the post nil. It says there: "The hand salute will be required on military installations and in occupied territories, both on and off duty. It will be required both on and off military installations in all official greetings in the line of duty, for ceremonial occasions, and when the national anthem is played or the colors pass by. Outside military installations, the hand salute will be required only in occupied territories or on the occasions mentioned above. . . ."

When a girl reduces, she's going out of her weigh to please some man.

THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FOGHORN WAS LAID BY BRIG. GEN. DE WITT



Brig. Gen. WALLACE De WITT

Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, who was in command of Letterman from 1940 to 1942, merits the credit for the establishment of the FOGHORN.

With expansion of the hospital to a wartime capacity it was felt that a newspaper of some kind would be of interest to the thousands of sick and wounded due to come here for treatment. General De Witt delegated a member of his staff to make a study of the project and report on the feasibility of having a paper.

It was a matter of months before the survey was completed and the results laid before the general for his approval. The general format of paper was agreed upon but the question of the name was still open although numerous suggestions were offered and discarded.

What turned out to be the final conference was in session in the office of the commanding general. It was one of those foggy mornings not uncommon in San Francisco and the foghorns at the Golden Gate were sending forth their doleful

wails to warn shipping. In the midst of the discussion the general paused, looked out the window, and then turned back with "Why not name the paper 'The Foghorn?' Rather appropriate for this area." And it was so ordered.

After the first issue appeared a letter came from the commanding officer of a nearby post protesting our use of that title. He claimed his mimeo paper had already taken that name and "one Foghorn was enough for this reservation." General De Witt graciously replied that in view of the prevailing weather here the more foghorns the better.

Research disclosed that the paper published by the University of San Francisco for the previous 15 years had borne the name "Foghorn" and the post paper at Fort Hancock, N. J., was also titled "Foghorn." Letters to the University and Fort Hancock acquiesced in our using that title and the name stuck. General De Witt was transferred to the Port of Embarkation at San Francisco as Port Surgeon in 1941 but he continued to be one of our devoted

RECONDITIONING SAYS

1. Lt. Frances E. Harlee, WAC, is the newly assigned Chief of Educational Reconditioning, replacing Lt. Esther A. Hartman, who left the first of August for Separation. Lt. Harlee comes to us from Welch Convalescent Hospital at Daytona Beach, Florida, where she was the WAC Company Commander.

2. The fall term begins at Gompers Trade School on 4 Sept. A new feature will be the Creative Art Class, which will cover every phase of art. Register now at Bldg. No. 1039.

3. The great outdoor sport, golf, is offered to patients on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Transportation leaves the gymnasium at 9:15. (Clubs are furnished.) Members of the P. G. A. have assigned instructors at the three courses—our own Presidio Club, the Crystal Springs Club, and the Merced Club. For further information, call 2942 or Miss Bannard at the Red Cross Rec Hall, 2193.

4. A total of 15 high school diplomas were issued to Letterman patients during July from the following states: California, Kansas, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Texas and Wisconsin. If you don't have your high school diploma, go to the Educational Reconditioning Office for information about the GED Tests.

5. Before being discharged, be sure to fill out a Form No. 47 if you plan to go on to school. The forms may be picked up at Bldg. No. 1039.

"Shoe shine, mister?"

"No."

"Shine 'em so you can see your face in 'em."

"I said no."

"Coward!"

readers and found time to peruse our columns despite the heavy duties involved in supervising the provisions for the care of the thousands passing through the port.

Today General De Witt is living in retirement in San Francisco and we consider it a privilege to make certain that a copy of the Foghorn gets to him every week.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By June Grumstrup

Farewell to Myrtle Woods of the Dental Clinic. Seems she's leaving our happy Letterman family for greener pastures, if Nevada and her husband's Metallurgy school can come under that classification.

The welcome mat is out for veteran Paul Quesado, who started work this week in the Detachment of Patients' office. We hope he wastes no time making himself at home, and that he is as happy to be at Letterman as we are to have him here.

Also among the newcomers is Jessie Nicolsen, new assistant in the Dental Clinic. Be on the lookout for her, too, and be sure to extend the welcome to Letterman in the traditional fashion.

"Jonesie" is on vacation. Her destination was to be a big dark secret, but didn't she say something about Tahoe being a good place for a restful two weeks?

Fred Crawford, dental mechanic, will find many ways to occupy his time while vacationing at his home in Mill Valley. He plans to do some gardening, some fishing and some plain old-fashioned loafing.

Gordon Sauer of the Receiving Office is Los Angeles bound to visit relatives and friends on his vacation.

Welcome, "you-all" to Clell Mattison, new arrival in the Officers' Pay section. She comes from deep in the heart of Texas.

Ditto to Lydia Canlas, who has forsaken the Navy for our Officers' Personnel Section, and also to Ralph Bergendorf, newest male addition, who is fluttering the hearts of the femmes in the Enlisted Patients' Section.

Martha Phillipa of Personnel office is still starry-eyed after her brief stay in Carmel, and still wishing it could have been longer.

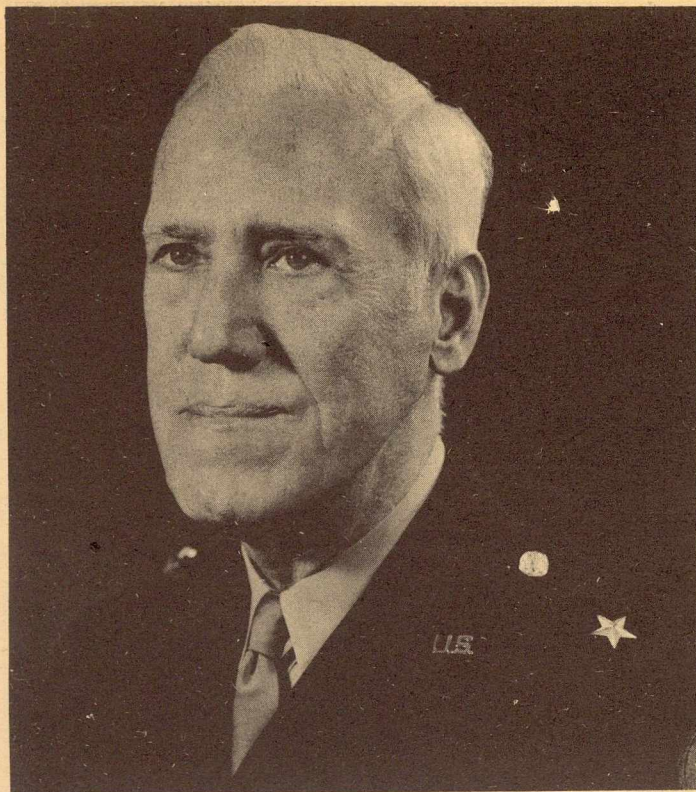
Lots of good wishes to Bill O'Brien of the Records office, who is convalescing at Boulder Creek after his recent operation.

Leonne Brennan of the Dental Clinic is all excited these days about her projected trip to Canada and "all points North," as she puts it.

Bell boy (after guest had rung for ten minutes) "Did you ring, sir?"

Guest: "No, I was tolling. I thought you were dead."

FOGHORN RECEIVED ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GEN. WEED WHEN IN COMMAND



Brig. Gen. FRANK W. WEED

When Brigadier General Frank W. Weed assumed command of Letterman in 1942 one of his early acts was to ask for information about the Foghorn and operations incidental to its preparation, and he became one of our staunch supporters in the job of getting out the weekly newspaper.

The general was no stranger to editorial work as he had been the Editor in Chief of the "History of the Medical Department in World War I" and knew a lot about reading "copy" and the preparation of material for the press. His experience made him sympathetic toward our efforts to publish a paper worthy of his command and his encouragement never failed during the two years of his tenure here.

We often wondered how closely he watched our output and one day we found out. A summons to his office on one occasion brought the suggestion that we "edit the copy a little more carefully and avoid publication of classified information." Running back over the contents of the latest issue we could not recall any violation of regulations in that

respect and asked for particulars. General Weed said "Bring me a copy of the paper." That was done, and as he turned the pages, a smile appeared when he pointed out the "offense." We looked over his shoulder to where his finger rested on column 3 of page 7 and there was the number of a Station Hospital mentioned as being in Australia. All we could offer in rebuttal was that if the commanding general read us as thoroughly as that it behoved us to do a lot of editing.

When ill health forced the retirement of General Weed in 1944 he took up residence in West Clay Park in San Francisco and asked that he be permitted to continue on as a reader, and altho he never once called attention any sins of editorial omission or commission we always felt that he read every word with the practiced eye of a real editor. His words of encouragement from time to time were a source of inspiration to the staff.

General Weed died at Letterman on 29 September 1945 and after memorial services in the post chapel his remains were interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

A Laugh Anything For

A man and his wife were sitting in their living room one evening. The phone rang and the man answered. He said on the phone "How on earth should I know? Why don't you call the Coast Guard?" Then he hung up and returned to his newspaper.

His wife asked, "Who was that, dear?"

The husband said, "I haven't the slightest idea. Some silly jerk wanted to know if the coast was clear."

When an all-Texas regiment landed in North Africa, the Captain is said to have warned them thus: "Remember, we have to humor the natives. If they say Africa is bigger than Texas, agree with them!"

Sailor: "Your husband looks like a brilliant man. I suppose he knows everything."

Gal: "Don't be silly. He doesn't suspect a thing."

Policeman (to a gentleman staggering home at 3 a. m.): "Where are you going at this time of night?"

Man: "To a lecture."

"Can't I stick this wallpaper on myself?"

"Certainly you can, madame, but it will look better on the wall."

Wife: "What is an optimist?"

Husband: "A guy who looks at his shirt just back from the laundry, and says: 'Oh, well, we needed lace curtains anyway.'"

Two old gentlemen were sitting comfortably in their chairs at the club enjoying a mid-afternoon cigar.

One said to the other: "Every time I come here, my wife thinks I'm out chasing women. Gad, I wish she were right!"

Once upon a time Mark Twain was being shaved by a talkative barber. Having completed the performance the barber ran his hand professionally across Mark's chin and said,

"Shall I go over it again?"

"No-o-o," said Mark slowly, "I've heard every damned word!"

That's my idea of rigid economy, said the coroner as he gazed at the dead Scotchman.

The Fog Horn Blows a Salute to Former Staff Members



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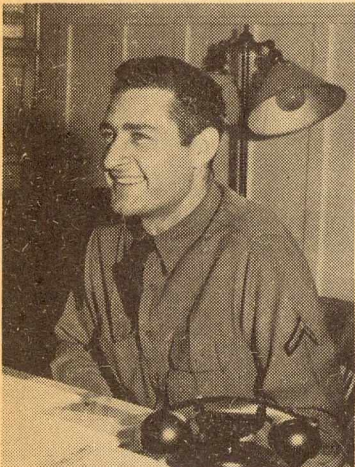
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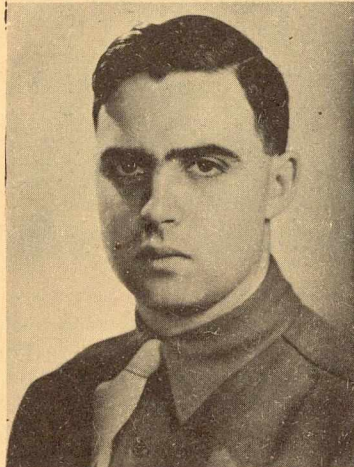
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